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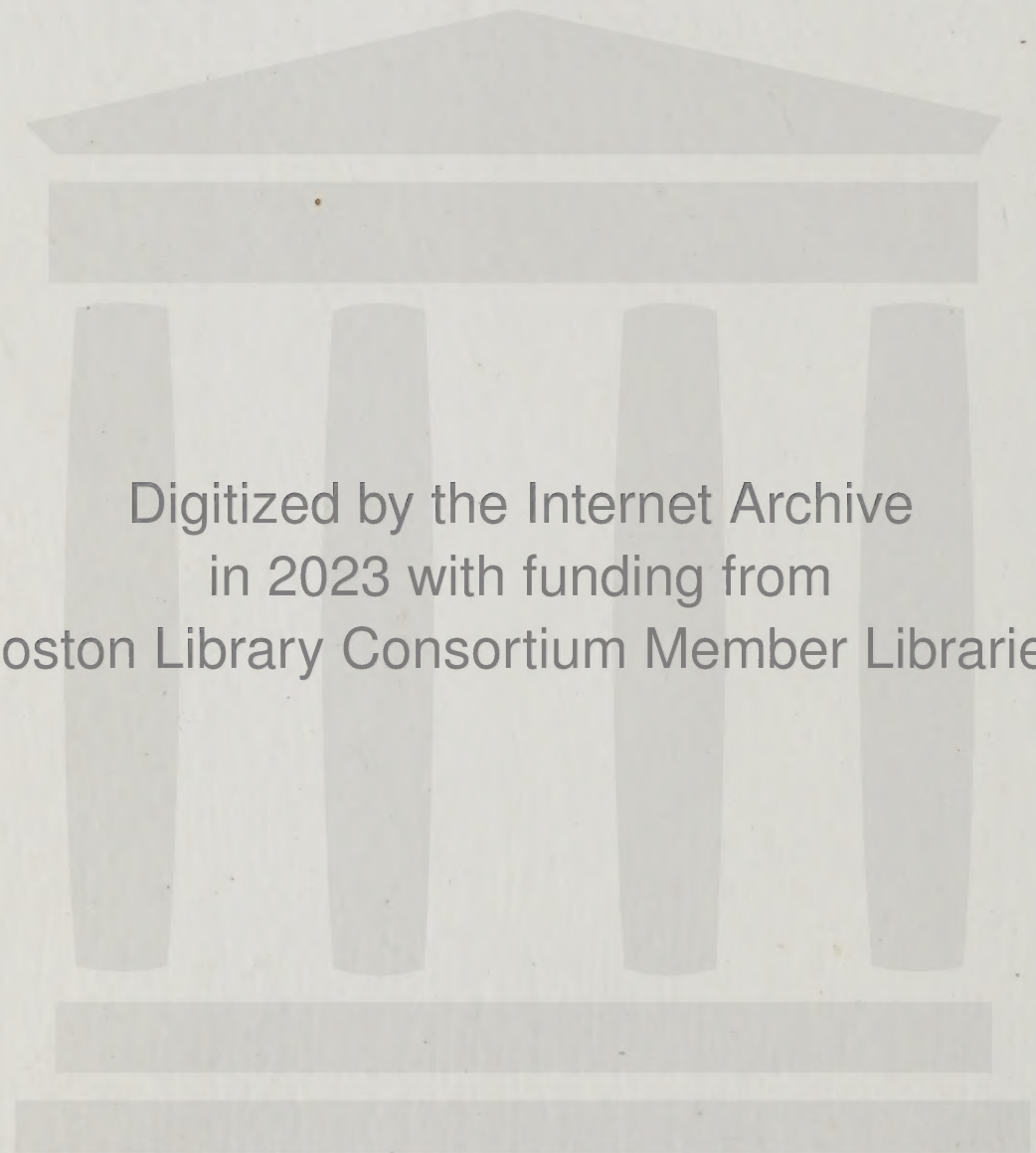

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NEW ENGLAND YEARLY
MEETING OF FRIENDS

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends held in Somerset 9th Month 30th 1844. Owing to improper Management on the part of some of our preparative Meetings, or on the Clerks there of, we are again deficient as regards accounts therefrom, and are therefore under the necessity of proceeding to business without them.

It is now concluded to appoint Philip Tripp to the station of an Overseer in addition to those appointed at our last Meeting. & the further addition of names is postponed for the present.

Our Treasurer having identified himself with a portion of Friends who have separated themselves from us & set up a new Monthly Meeting, it is therefore concluded to appoint William Slade to that Office for the ensuing year or until another is appointed in his stead.

It is concluded to add the names of Wm. F. Wood, Luther Lincoln & Wm. Slade to our committee on removal certificates

It is concluded by this Meeting to appoint Edward Buffinton recorder of removal certificates & Israel Buffinton as recorder of Marriage certificates, both of whom are to serve for the year or until others are appointed in their place.

It is concluded by friends to add the names of Miller Chace, Philip Tripp, Seneca Lincoln & Wm. Slade to our committee already standing, to have the care of Funerals.

William F. Wood & Miller Chace are appointed a committee to settle with Abner Slade our former Treasurer, to pass such documents and monies as may be in his hands over to William Slade our present Treasurer & report to our next Meeting

Our Overseers are requested to pay such attention to the state of our preparative Meetings & to report such deficiencies of Meetings & individuals as may appear to them necessary for the maintenance of our Christian discipline, & for the good order of society as they may think proper & necessary & to present to this Meeting such business therefrom as they may deem expedient.

Our Womens Meeting do now concur with this Meeting in the appointments of our friends as heretofore named to the station of Overseers.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends held at Fall River 10th Mo 28th 1844. accounts being received from Fall River preparative Meeting their representatives are Amos & Wilbur Oliver Chace, and William Wood who are all present owing to the recent separation effected by persons who are not members of this Monthly Meeting, our other preparative Meetings still neglect to present their accounts to this Meeting as formerly.

The Queries have been read at this time & the first second & tenth succeeded by answers from one of our preparative Meetings, which being descriptive of our present State, the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting, together with a copy of this Minute by Thos Wilbur, Philip Tripp, Oliver Chace, Mills Chace, & Amos & Wilbur whom we appoint our representatives

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to settle with our former Treasurer &c, inform that they have paid some attention to the subject, but not having completed their service in consequence of a refusal on the part of the Treasurer, to comply with their requisitions, they are therefore continued & desired to extend further attention to the subject of their appointment & report at our next Meeting

Our committee appointed in the 8 Mo on the subjects of an appeal, not being ready to report & it being evident that a longer time, may with propriety be allowed them, they are therefore continued & desired to report in the first Month next.

Our Overseers are again requested to pay such attention to the subjects referred to their care at our last Meeting, as they think proper & report at our next Meeting

Israel Buffington & Miller Chace are appointed a committee to make the necessary preparation for the approaching Quarterly Meeting, and report the expense thereof to our next Meeting

It is concluded to appoint Palmer Chace, Amos C Wilbur, Philip Tripp, & Seneca Lincoln to serve in the capacity of School committee for this Monthly Meeting, for the term of one year, or until others are appointed in their place.

At Swansey Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 11th Mo. 25th 1844. the accounts being present from Fall River preparative Meeting their representatives are Palmer Chace, Oliver Chace, and Thomas Wilbur who are all present except one which is on account of ill health.

The other two preparative Meetings are still deficient owing to the present disturbed state of society

One of the representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting informs that they all attended

Rec^d at this time an extract from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting appointing Obadiah Foster, John Mitchell, Israel Buffington, Henry Gould, Wm Slade, Oliver Chace, Nathan Buffington, Thomas Wilbur, John J Kenyon, Charles Perry & Thomas Foster a committee to attend the subordinate Meetings there belonging as way may open for, & to advise & assist friends in the right transaction of their business according to discipline & good order a part of whom are acceptably with us at this time

The committee continued at our last Meeting to settle with our former Treasurer report that they have made no progress in the case, wherefore they are continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

One of the Overseers informs that they have not devoted much attention to the subjects refered to their care at our last Meeting, whereupon it is concluded to appoint Oliver Chace, Amos C Wilbur, Luther Lincoln, Wm Wood, Palmer Chace & Israel Buffington to pay some attention to our preparative

Meetings, & to ascertain the cause of our not receiving reports therefrom as usual, & to advise & assist therein as way may open for, and report to our next Meeting

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting, presented the following report viz

We the committee appointed to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting, report the expense to be three dollars & fifty cents Miller Chace

Fall River 11th Mo. 18th 1844. Israel Buffinton

which is accepted & our Treasurer is requested to pay the amount thereof & to call on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for the same

The time for which the Overseers of the Poor were appointed having expired it is concluded to appoint Israel Buffinton, Palmer Chace, Amos & Wilbur Luther Lincoln & Seneca Lincoln to serve the Meeting in that capacity for the ensuing year, or until others are appointed in their places, having the concurrence of the Women herein.

The committee on removal certificates inform that a certificate from Nantucket Monthly Meeting in favour of John Gifford has been passed into their hands with a view of uniting him to this Meeting, but find on visiting him that he has attached himself to the Methodist society of Fall River, whereupon it is concluded to return said certificate to the Meeting granting it, together with a copy of this Minute signed by our clerk

Whereas a minute purporting to have come from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held 8th Month 2d 1844. was read in our hearing by an individual, in which it appears that said Quarterly Meeting, did come to a judgement respecting a difference with regard to this Monthly Meeting, and that the Quarterly intend interfering with our business in a manner contrary to Discipline, or good order, whereby our privileges, granted & vouchsafed to us by our Discipline are to be taken from us in an undisciplinary way,

We therefore feeling it to be our privilege & our right to carry the whole affair upto the Yearly Meeting of 6th Month next year for its decission, do appoint Thomas Wilbur, Palmer Chace, Israel Buffington and Wm. S. Wood) to take the subject into consideration & if in their judgement a document such as aforesaid comes properly under the cognizance of the Meeting, & may open for it, they are requested to present an essay of an appeal to our Meeting in the 10th Mo. next

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 12th Mo. 30th 1844. accounts being present from Freetown & Fall River preparative Meetings their representatives are for Freetown Luther Lincoln & Philip Tripp, for Fall River Oliver Chace & Amos G. Wilbur, who are all present account from the other preparative Meeting not being present.

The committee continued at our last Meeting to settle with our former Treasurer not being ready to report are again continued and desired to report at our next Meeting.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to devote some attention to the subject of our preparative Meetings, inform that they have paid some attention to the subject, but not being ready to make a full report, are continued & that service & desired to report at our next Meeting.

Received at this time a circular emanating from the Meeting for sufferings, portporting to give a statement of facts pertaining to the recent separation in our Monthly Meeting, as also in other branches of the Quarterly Meeting, which has been read. And the consideration of which has resulted in a conclusion by this Meeting to appoint a committee to take the subject into consideration, & if way opens for it, to prepare a correct & more detailed account of the aforesaid separation & present to our next Monthly Meeting, whereon Oliver Chace, Wm Slade, Thos Wilbur, Oliver Chace Jr Amos C Wilbur & Israel Buffinton are appointed to the foregoing service.

Our Overseers presented the following complaint against the persons therein named.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

These are to inform that Jona Freeborn Theophalus Shove, David Shove, Oliver Earle, Simpson Buffinton & Thos S Gifford, have so far deviated from the discipline & good order of society as to separate themselves from Swansey Monthly Meeting & have been actively engaged in sustaining another Monthly Meeting set up within its limits, distinct & separate therefrom, and having treated with them for the same, they manifest no disposition to make friendly satisfaction

Whereupon we think it necessary, in order for the support of our Discipline & Christian testimonies, to call the attention of the Monthly Meeting to the subject.

Palmer Chace
Wm Wood
Seneca Lincoln
} Overseers

Fall River 12 Mo 30th 1844.

which after a time of deliberating thereon, is recd by this Meeting, & we appoint Amos C Wilbur, Oliver Chace, Israel Buffinton, Luther Lincoln & Wm Slade, a committee to visit on those individuals & endeavor if possible to reclaim them from the separating spirit in which they are involved, & report to our next Meeting

The Overseers of Falls River preparative Meeting
against the following complaint against Edmund
Chace, viz.

This is to inform the Overseers of Swanzey
Monthly Meeting & through them, if they please
said Monthly Meeting that Edmund Chace
did in the 5th Month of last Year accuse us in an
unkind, unfriendly, and unchristian manner,
as we not only our own Monthly Meeting, but in the
presence of divers strangers; & having presented to said
Meeting sometime prior to that, a certain Statement,
which he declared unequivocally and unqualifiedly
"was not the truth" and said he was ready to
meet us face to face. We now call on the Monthly
Meeting to interpose their friendly and Christian care
in the extention of that portion of our Discipline on the
subjects of Detraction and Defamation

Wm Slade
Oliver Chace
Thomas Wilbur

12 Mo 19th 1844

To Swanzey Mo Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

The preceding complaint against
Edmund Chace has engaged our attention and
consideration, we find the same is admitted by
him, and although all the preliminary steps previous
to a Disciplinary have been taken, yet he manif-
ests no disposition to become reconciled to, or to
give satisfaction to the aggrieved party. And we
further state, that he has been actively engaged in
sustaining and continuing a Meeting of Separatists,
contrary to Discipline and good order, for which
he has been visited and to no purpose all of which
he stands in the Meeting

Falls River 12 Mo 30th 1844.

Palmer Chace
Wm Wood } Overseers

Which is accepted, and Brayton Slade & Stephen Chace
Junr & Wm Wood are appointed to labour with him
on the account therein named and report to our
next Meeting

It is concluded by this Meeting to appoint Miller Chace, Palmer Chace, Amos C. Wilbur & Isaac Buffington a committee to take into consideration the propriety of appointing a few persons to the Station of Elders, and if any open for it to produce to our next Meeting such names as they may think proper for the foregoing station & service.

It is concluded to raise Fifty dollars to supply our Treasurer & Isaac Buffington, Palmer Chace & Philip Tripp are appointed to call on him with a view of raising said sum & report to our next Meeting.

At Swansey 9th Month Meeting of Friends held & 9th of Same 1845 account being present, some time of our preparative Meetings and representatives are Amos C. Wilbur Edward Buffington Seneca Lincoln Philip Tripp & Isaac being called are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time & the first, Second & Tenth, answered by answers from two of our preparative Meetings, from which a summary has been compiled, as descriptive of our present State of this Meeting, which the Clerk is directed to forward together with a copy of this minute by Palmer Chace & Amos C. Wilbur, Oliver Chace Seneca Lincoln & Isaac Buffington, whom we appoint our representatives.

Peleg Slade and Oliver Chace presented on behalf of a committee appointed 2 mo 1839. to attend to the legal & proper transfers of the real Estates belonging to this [illegible] in our Quarterly and their successors in office to the present time of this Monthly Meeting, presented the following report, viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We of the committee appointed 2d mo 1839. to attend to the transfer of the real Estates of Swansey monthly Meeting, beg leave to report that we have paid some attention to the subject of our appointment and in the discharge of our duty, we have had the lot whereon stands our Meeting house in Swansea, the lot & House in Fall River and that at Freetown on which stand their Meeting

house, & all transfered to our present Overseers, & their successors in office, for the benefit and use of Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends, by having legal instruments drawn signed and properly acknowledged by the Clerk of the aforesaid Meeting, according to the directions given in the Minutes of our appointments, all of which we submit to the Meeting

William Slade
Oliver Chace

Fall River 1st Mo 27th 1845

which is accepted by this Meeting & ordered to be recorded & they the said William Slade & Oliver Chace are requested to continue their care to the same subject, and report when the business is accomplished

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to prepare a correct and detailed statement of the facts relative to late separation in this Meeting, if way open for it), have at this time presented a statement, which is accepted & our Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf, & said Statement is ordered to the following friends, Palmer Chace, Oliver Chace, Isaac Buffinton, Oliver Chace Jr, Wm F Wood, Philip Tripp, Daniel G Wilbur, Stephen Chace Lincoln Lincoln, Thos Wilbur, Edward Buffinton, John Wilbur, & Wm F Wood) who are desired to make such verbal alterations & additions as may to them appear necessary, & present the same to our next Quarterly Meeting for their disposals.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to labour with Oliver Earle, Simpson Buffinton, Theophalus Shove, David Shove, Jun Freeborn, and Thos S Gifford presented the following reports viz:

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends.

We of your committee appointed to treat with Oliver Earle & Simpson Buffinton have attended thereto & they do not appear in a suitable state of mind to consider their conduct, which we submit to the Meeting

William Slade
Oliver Chace
Isaac Buffinton

15th Mo 26th 1845

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

The undersigned of the committee appointed to visit Theophilus Shove & David Chace on account of complaints brought to the Meeting against them, have had an interview with them on account of which do not find them in a State of mind to make friendly satisfaction which we submit to the Meeting

Oliver Chace
Israel Buffington

Fall River 1st mo 25th 1845

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The undersigned of the committee appointed to visit Jonathan Freeborn, report that we have attended to our appointment, & do not find him in a disposition to make friendly satisfaction, which we submit to the Meeting

Israel Buffington
Simeon C Wilbur

Fall River 1st mo 25th 1845

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

The com committee to treat with Thos. P. Gifford have paid attention to our appointment & he does not appear to be in a State of mind to make friendly satisfaction which we submit to the Meeting.

Oliver Chace
Israel Buffington
Simeon C Wilbur

1st mo 25th 1845

which are accepted and after a due degree of deliberation thereon it is concluded to deny them their rights of membership in this Meeting, having the unity of the Womens Meeting herein & Philip Tripp & Wm T Hood are appointed to inform them of the doings of this Meeting in their cases respectively.—

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to labour with Edmund Chace presented the following report viz

We of the committee appointed to visit Edmund Chace on the account set forth in a complaint brought to the Monthly Meeting by the Overseers, report that we have attended to our appointment; and although he does not deny the allegations yet manifests no disposition to make satisfaction to Friends. Which we submit to the Meeting.

Fall River 1st mo 27th 1845

Stephen Chace
Simeon C Wilbur

An Extract from the Minutes of Swanzey Monthly Meeting, held in Fall River, 12th month, 30th, 1844.

"Received at this time a Circular emanating from the Meeting for Sufferings, purporting to give a statement of facts pertaining to the recent separation in our Monthly Meeting; as also, in other branches of the Quarterly Meeting, which has been read, and the consideration of which has resulted in the appointment of the following named Friends as a Committee; ***** to take the subject into consideration, and if way should open for it, to prepare a correct and more detailed account of the aforesaid separation, and present to our next meeting."

STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE.

To Swanzey Monthly Meeting:—

We, your Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of the late separation in this Monthly Meeting, and to prepare, if way should open for it, a correct statement thereof, have endeavored to give attention to the subject of our appointment; and having collected facts in relation thereto, have compiled the following brief statement of the same, together with the causes which led to such a result.

It would have been desirable, in presenting this statement to the meeting, which will probably remain a record of a part of its history, to have avoided inserting the names of individuals therein actively concerned.

But in this essay, such a course, it has been found, would render the account prolix or unintelligible.

Although some incidents occurred, which were an indication of a diversity of religious sentiment, prior to the date here mentioned, yet it is thought sufficient for the present purpose, to commence the account on the 26th of 7th month, 1841, when Israel Buffinton, Robinson Buffinton, Oliver Earle, William Slade, and David Shove, were appointed a Committee by the Monthly Meeting to bring before the meeting the names of persons suitable for overseers. This Committee, not being able to agree, were continued from time to time, until in the 12th month of the same year, at the suggestion of one of the Committee, (William Slade,) they were dismissed from further service. And it was then proposed by Thomas Wilbur, that the former overseers be re-appointed, which was acceded to by the meeting. These overseers were *Job*

Chace, Theophilus Shove, 2d, Abraham Shove, Miller Chace, *Theophilus Shove,* and *David Shove.**

The causes which thus delayed the progress of the Committee, and prevented them from performing the service assigned them, it is believed are of sufficient importance to be here briefly detailed. It appears by the accounts given by the Committee, that several of them were in favor of nominating *Edmund Chace,* and would otherwise consent to no report, while others were not satisfied to nominate this individual, because there was an unsettled difference between him and another friend. Israel Buffinton objected also, for *that* and the further reason that *E. Chace* had sent his father a pamphlet [written by Joseph J. Gurney,] which professing to set forth the doctrines of Friends contained unsound sentiments.

This objection he made in confidence, in an interview with another of the Committee upon the subject of their appointment, having previously taken an opportunity with *E. Chace,* relative to the pamphlet, but obtained no satisfaction. This objection was soon reported to *E. Chace,* who it appears felt himself aggrieved—for not long after, he called upon Israel, personally, giving him to understand that he had been informed of his remarks, and saying, "We cannot settle it between us. I shall take Church order with thee." Subsequently, two of the overseers called I. Buffinton to an interview on this subject, and one of them required him to make concessions. He informed them, that he was willing to meet the accuser according to Discipline, under the head of "Detraction," (that being the charge,) with two or three Friends, and leave it for them to decide whether he was justified in making the remark he did. This right he claimed before any further action should be taken in the case.

Advice was now asked by one of the overseers of several Friends, who cautioned him against carrying a complaint to the Monthly Meeting, before the accused should have had the preliminary hearing provided for by our Discipline—which course the said overseer replied was in accordance with his views. Notwithstanding these precautions, the two aforesaid overseers presented to the Monthly Meeting, in the 3d month, 1842, the following complaint.

"*To Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends:*

Israel Buffinton, having indulged in a spirit of detraction, in violation of our Christian Discipline, by accusing and charging *Edmund Chace,* with circulating unsound writings, also aiding and abetting, or vindicating an unsound Friend, and we having had several interviews with him on that account, and he not evincing a

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* Those, whose names are in this statement printed in *italics* have identified themselves in the separation, and thereby, in support of the unsound doctrines of Joseph J. Gurney.

disposition to render satisfaction, we submit the case to the meeting for their disposal.

Job Chace,
Theophilus Shove, } Overseers."

As this difficulty had existed several months, Friends generally knew how the case stood, and were not prepared to receive and record such a complaint, until those preliminary rights had been granted to the accused; which he informed the meeting had not been done. This statement was confirmed by one of the overseers, who signed the complaint.

It was proposed to return the complaint to the overseers that the accused might avail himself of every right guaranteed by our Discipline—but the only one present of those who preferred it, declined taking it back.

After various propositions and considerable discussion, at length a Friend proposed, that a few members should be appointed to assist the overseers in adjusting the difficulty—which being generally agreed to, the Clerk soon after informed the Meeting that he had made a minute, which, if it met the views of Friends, might be adopted—otherwise he would endeavor to make such alteration as the Meeting might agree upon. The minute was then read as follows, viz.:

"This Meeting concludes to appoint ——— ———, ——— ———, a Committee to assist the overseers of this Monthly Meeting, in the adjustment of some unpleasant affairs appertaining to the well being of society at large, and also to individual privileges;"—which being accepted by the meeting, the Clerk called for names to constitute the Committee. Whereupon those who had urged the reception of the complaint began nominating faster than the Clerk could write their names. Some having declined, the following names were taken, William Slade, Oliver Chace, *Thomas S. Gifford, Oliver Earle,* and Thomas Wilbur. Here let it be observed, that this was the case wherein the Clerk and some other Friends, have been accused of seriously interrupting the administration of the Discipline.

A part of this Committee had an interview and proposed a time for meeting upon the subject of their appointment, and the rest being notified thereof, acceded to the proposition.

At a subsequent Monthly Meeting enquiry being made whether the Committee were ready to report, one of them replied, that the minute of their appointment did not require them to report. At the Monthly Meeting in the 5th month, the same individual who before made the enquiry, called again for a report; and one of the Committee informed the Meeting that although they were not required by the minute of their appointment to report, yet they had a statement of their proceedings, which they were willing should be read for the information of Friends; and the proposition being united with by the meeting, it was read.

The following extract embraces all the facts in this statement, namely:—

"The undersigned of the Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting in the 3rd month last, to assist the overseers in the adjustment of some unpleasant affairs, &c., and one of the overseers, feel willing to give to the Monthly Meeting, the following statement as the result of their investigation and labors. A difference between two individuals which had resulted in a complaint brought by one of them to the notice of the overseers, and by them to the Meeting, was a case which seemed to give origin to the aforesaid appointment, and which claimed the immediate attention of the Committee. With a view of effecting as speedy a settlement of this unhappy affair as might be, they concluded on an early interview of the Committee, overseers, and individuals concerned. But in consequence of severe sickness and death in the family of one of the Committee, the Meeting was finally postponed until 7th day, the 16th of 4th month last; of which time the overseers and parties concerned, had due notice. At this Meeting, the undersigned, and the individual accused, were all that were present; the accuser having previously declared to one of us, that he had no case with the accused; that he saw, or knew of no reason why he should be present. We therefore concluded that he must have given up the case, as far as he was personally concerned; so that the case remained only between the person accused, and the constituted authorities of the Monthly Meeting; and came properly and entirely within their province, to investigate, adjust and settle, if circumstances favored such a disposition of it Or in case we were mistaken as to the accuser's motives in declining to meet with us; and that he still intended to prosecute the case, in a manner behind the scene, it appeared to the undersigned that he lost his case by default. For it is very clear that the intention and design of our Discipline in such cases, is that the accuser, before bringing the case to the notice of the Monthly Meeting. and thus impeaching the character of a Friend unheard, shall be brought face to face with his brother, in the presence of a number of witnesses. We therefore, on behalf of the Society, whose servants we are, made a pretty thorough investigation of the whole matter; solicited evidence as to the offending declaration, and did then and there come to the conclusion, that it was not such as to warrant the Monthly Meeting in withholding from the individual accused, the rights and privileges of a member of Society. And after extending to him such advice as the nature of the case and circumstances seemed to require, (and with which he manifested a cordial disposition to comply,) we drew up in writing our tender advice and admonition to the accuser; which was presented to him by one of us in person, in a letter form; he being at the same time informed of the object and nature of the communication; but which he refused to accept, peruse, or hear read."

(Signed,) Miller Chace,
Oliver Chace,
William Slade,
Thomas Wilbur.

The disturbance of our Religious Meetings produced by these proceedings was afterwards much prolonged by *Edmund Chace*, who several times called up the subject therein; and *Jethro F. Mitchell*, with some others of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee were prevailed upon to visit Israel on the subject, taking E. Chace in their company, who in this interview admitted the fact of sending the pamphlet to Benjamin Buffinton, but would not admit that it contained unsound doctrine. And Israel being now called upon to make an acknowledgment could not allow that the sentiments in said pamphlet were sound, for upon this point solely, the charge rested.

In a subsequent interview with *Jethro F. Mitchell*, I. Buffinton told him he was willing to leave this point to the Meeting for Sufferings; but a decision by them has never been obtained.

In the 7th month, 1842, the Monthly Meeting appointed Oliver Chace, *Oliver Earle*, William Wood, *Abraham Shove*, *Theophilus Shove*, and Philip Tripp, a Committee to propose to the next Meeting, the names of suitable persons to serve the Meeting as Clerk and assistant. In the 1st month, 1843, *Simpson Buffinton* was added to the Committee, who were continued from time to time, until the 7th month, 1844, when, as will hereafter be seen, three only out of the seven signed a report and presented it to the Meeting.

It seems best in this place to allude to the progress of this Committee, and the untiring efforts of a part, of them to accomplish the object of their appointment. We say a part, because others many times failed to meet and co-operate with the rest, on the business committed to them.

A report, signed by William Wood, Philip Tripp, and Oliver Chace, was presented to the Meeting in the 8th month, 1843, proposing Thomas Wilbur for Clerk, and *Joseph Estis* for Assistant. This was objected to by *Edmund Chace* and *others*, on the ground that it was not signed by the whole Committee.

And as the reception of it was not urged on account of the objection by a few Friends, it was not adopted; though a larger portion of the meeting had united with the nomination. The Committee was continued.

In the 12th month, 1842, *Robinson Buffinton*, Oliver Chace, *Abner Slade*, Philip Tripp, William Wood, William Slade and *David Shove*, were appointed a Committee to propose to the next meeting the names of suitable persons for Overseers. This Committee were continued from time to time, not being ready to make a united report. The major part, however, labored industriously, appearing anxious to produce a unity of sentiment, and accomplish the object of their appointment—while some of their number appeared more indifferent, and for several months failed to meet with the rest at the times agreed on.

Things being in this state, in the 8th month, 1843, Oliver Chace, William Wood and William Slade, signed and presented a report to the Monthly Meeting, proposing Miller Chace, *Oliver Earle*,

David Shove, Philip Tripp, Palmer Chace and *Joseph Estis* for Overseers. This report was objected to by *Edmund Chace, David Shove*, and a few others, upon the old ground that it was not signed by all of the Committee, and it not being accepted, the Committee was continued.

In the ninth month following, a report was again offered to the Meeting, signed by William Slade, William Wood, and *Abner Slade*, proposing for Overseers, Miller Chace, *Oliver Earle, David Shove, Joseph Estis* and *Mark Anthony*, and the signers of this report stated that the other members of the Committee present, had consented to this nomination. But *Robinson Buffinton* denied having agreed to it; and *Edmund Chace* objecting to its being read, it was not done, and the Committee were continued.

At a subsequent meeting, when *John Meader* was present, the aforesaid Committee having informed the Meeting that they had agreed upon no report, *John* made some very pertinent and applicable remarks, saying, in substance, that Friends should be condescending, yielding their own wills, preferring one another, &c. William Wood said, that as one of the Committee, his object had been to make a suitable selection; he had endeavored to give up his own will in the matter, and had consented that the three Friends, who could not see their way clear to unite with the others, should propose half the names. In responding to this *John Meader* said that he (William Wood) and those acting in unison with him ought to give up all; that the others should make no compromise, because they were acting in the Truth—or words to the same effect.

It seems proper here to go back a little in our account, and allude briefly to the action of superior meetings and their Committees, in relation to Swanzey Monthly Meeting, that the reader may see how little their labors (i. e. those of the Committees,) were calculated to preserve love and unity, and maintain the Discipline and order of our Society, when they insisted on the appointment as an Overseer of the individual who complained of a Friend for his objection to unsound writings, and urged upon the meeting the reception of minority reports in favor of their views, totally disregarding the conscientious objections of many Friends.

In the 8th month, 1842, the Quarterly Meeting appointed a Committee to visit South Kingstown and Swanzey Monthly Meetings, on account, as was alleged, of deficiencies in the answers to the queries.

Some of this Committee visited Swanzey Monthly Meeting at divers times, without giving any very definite advice. And in the ninth month of the next year, *Jonathan Dennis*, one of the Committee then in attendance, said in substance, that our Monthly Meeting was large and respectable, and he believed, as capable of transacting its business as any other within the Quarter; and thought his services in that capacity, were pretty much accomplished, and did not know that he should come any more. This same Friend at the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, in the 11th month, 1843, pro-

posed that the Committee should be dropped; and added remarks similar to those expressed in the Monthly Meeting, that he thought Swanzey Monthly Meeting was capable of transacting their own business. But the *Clerk* thought they had better be continued, and to have a care over all the Monthly Meetings: This proposition not being objected to, though approbated only by the voice of two or three, was adopted, by the *Clerk* making a minute to that effect.

This Committee, subsequently, attended our Monthly Meeting occasionally; and at one time, one of them informed the Meeting that the course it had pursued, in declining to accept a complaint from the Overseers, and appointing a Committee to assist them was not in accordance with Discipline, wrong and unprecedented; that there was no place of judgment between the Overseers and the Monthly Meeting. (Thus, as it would seem, making it obligatory on a Monthly Meeting always to record, and act on a complaint presented to it under all circumstances.—Which position would set the Overseers above the Meeting, instead of in their true place as its servants.) The Clerk informed that our records show that such a course had been pursued by Swanzey Monthly Meeting several times, long ago; and that difficulties had been settled by that means without coming again before the meeting.

The Committees of Swanzey Monthly Meeting, which had been for some time standing, on the subject of Clerks and Overseers, were verbally informed in the 7th month, 1844, that the Yearly Meeting's Committee wished to meet with them at Somerset, on seventh day previous to our Monthly Meeting.

They accordingly met with them there, together with some of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee, although a subsequent time had been agreed upon for the Committee to meet. The Committees of the superior meetings requested those of the Monthly Meeting, after making an effort to come to an agreement, to report progress to them.

It appeared that the Committee on the subject of Clerks, did not agree upon any report; neither was any form of one drawn up at that interview. That, on the subject of Overseers, agreed upon a selection of five names, but the sixth name which was urged by a portion of the Committee, prevented four from signing the report. On representing their condition to the Committees of the superior meetings, the Yearly Meeting's Committee took the responsibility of adding the sixth name, which was that of *Edmund Chace*, and solicited the Committee to sign it; who fully offered their reasons for not doing so. These were again offered in the Monthly Meeting, as will appear.

At our Monthly Meeting, the second day following, some of the Yearly Meeting's Committee were in attendance, and handed to the Clerk a minute of their appointment.

The Clerk requested that this minute might be retained by him until he should record it, that we might know when any of them were in attendance with us. But *Rowland Greene*, one of the Com-

mittee, replied that it was not necessary, adding, "we always carry it with us." And so they withdrew it.

The subject of Clerk and assistant coming before the meeting, there was laid on the table the following report, viz:

"*To Swanzey Monthly Meeting:*

"We of the Committee, in the case of Clerk and assistant Clerk, report that we have been together since our last continuance, and there did not appear to be any prospect of our agreeing on names to fill those places—Whereupon we propose, with the advice of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, *David Shove* as Clerk, and *Jonathan Freeborn* as assistant Clerk, which we submit to the meeting.

"*Swanzey, 27th of 7th month*, 1844.

Theophilus Shove,
Oliver Earle,
Simpson Buffinton."

It may be noticed that this report is signed only by three of the Committee out of seven.* Of the time when, and place where, it was prepared and signed, others of the Committee were not notified.

A communication was passed to the table from the hand of *Rowland Greene*, about the same time of the above report, which is as follows:

"*To Swanzey Monthly Meeting:*

"Dear Friends,—

"The Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to extend a general care on its behalf for the preservation of love and unity among our members, the maintenance of our Christian principles and testimonies, and the support of the Discipline of the Church; and in the ability that may be afforded them to assist and advise such meetings and members as circumstances may require, and way open for, under the direction of best wisdom, having from a belief that our duty under our appointment required it, met with the Committees of your Meeting, appointed about two years since to propose the names of Overseers and Clerks—and apprehending that the cause of Truth, and the right exercise of our Christian Discipline urgently demands that there should be no further delay in the cases, were united in giving the following advice. It appearing, by the voluntary declaration of those members of a Committee who were present, appointed as we apprehend without the authority of Discipline, and out of the usual order of Society, to assist the Overseers when they presented a complaint against an individual, that they believed *Edmund Chace* to be innocent of the

* *Abraham Shove* was one of the Committee, but being in ill health, we believe he did not act in that capacity after *Simpson Buffinton* was added in the first month, 1843.

charges preferred against him by said individual, and that they did not intend, in their report to the Monthly Meeting, to implicate him*—we were united in judgment that this document ought not to be retained by the Monthly Meeting, nor among its papers, but destroyed.

"The Committee on Overseers informed us that they had agreed upon five Friends for this station, and there being but one of them from within the limits of Fall River Preparative Meeting, it being usual to appoint two from that meeting; in view of the circumstances we were united in advising the Committee to propose to the Monthly Meeting to appoint *Edmund Chace* in addition to those named, there appearing not to be any grounds for the objections originally urged against this appointment.

"The Committee in relation to Clerks, informed us that they could not agree upon names; and after a full consideration of the case, we thought it right to advise the Committee to propose to the Monthly Meeting to appoint *David Shove* for Clerk, and *Jonathan Freeborn* for assistant Clerk. And we are now united in advising the Monthly Meeting to make these appointments, and to carry into effect these recommendations, believing that hereby the best interests of the Monthly Meeting, and its preservation in the unity of the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings, will be promoted.

On behalf of the Yearly Meeting's Committee,

Rowland Greene.

Swanzey, 7th month 29th, 1844.

A Friend requested the Clerk to read from our Discipline, on page 118, relative to the right of a Monthly Meeting to appeal; which request was complied with. He then inquired of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, whether the written advice now presented by them was intended as the written notice there alluded to, and to be used as the means by which this Monthly Meeting should be dissolved, unless appealed from.

The Yearly Meeting's Committee did not condescend to make any reply; and the same inquiry was afterwards made by several Friends; when *William Jenkins* replied that the Yearly Meetings's Committee knew their own views best!

Considerable discussion took place while the report of a part of our Committee, as above, was pending, and various opinions were expressed; and the Clerk endeavored to come at the sense of the meeting on the subject; and made a minute referring it to our next meeting under the care of the same Committee.

The Clerk was then inquired of by an individual, upon what grounds he collected the sense of the meeting, to authorize him to make such a minute? He stated that his judgment was based

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* The admission here alluded to, made by two of the Committee of the Monthly Meeting, relative to *Edmund Chace's* innocence, refers only to his motives in circulating unsound doctrines, (they being charitably disposed towards him) and not to the charges subsequently alleged against him.

upon the expression of the most substantial members of the Monthly Meeting; those whose lives and deportment were most exemplary, and the most in conformity with our Discipline. And the report being a minority one, it was based in part upon the judgment of a majority of a very solid and judicious Committee. And furthermore, it has been the usage in this meeting for a great length of time, and has been handed down to us by many pious and worthy Friends, who have now gone to rest, that when any considerable portion of the meeting were adverse to a measure, that measure should not be carried over their heads; but quietly wait until the meeting should become more united. *John Meader* objected to such a rule. The Clerk further said, it is to be observed, that the minute which has now been made, does not carry forward the measure under consideration, but leaves it where we found it.

The Clerk then called on the Committee entrusted with the nomination of Overseers, for their report, and *Robinson Buffinton* brought to the table the following communication, viz:

"*To Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends:*

"We, your Committee, appointed to select names of Friends for Overseers, present the following: *Oliver Earle, Simpson Buffinton, Theophilus Shove, David Shove, Jonathan Freeborn, Edmund Chace.* The latter name was added by the advice of the Yearly Meeting's Committee.

Abner Slade,
Robinson Buffinton.

"*Swanzey, 7th month 29th,* 1844."

It will be observed, that but two out of seven of the Committee signed this report, but *David Shove,* another of the Committee, united with the same in the Monthly Meeting.* Several of the Committee said that they would have agreed to this report, had not the name of *Edmund Chace* been added, but as it was, they could not; and reasons were offered for declining to do so.

While the subject was before the meeting, a Friend observed

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* It may be proper here to observe, that no other report has been brought to the Monthly Meeting, in relation to Clerks and Overseers, since the appointment of these Committees in the seventh and twelfth months, 1842, than those which are exhibited in this statement. By which it appears that but three of the Committee on the subject of Clerk and assistant, united in the nomination of *David Shove:* while three others of the Committee expressed their decided disapprobation of the nomination—*Abraham Shove* not acting in the case.

And it further appears, that four of the Committee of seven on the subject of Overseers, uniformly opposed the nomination of *Edmund Chace* to that station.

Yet we find it stated, in the late Circular of the Meeting for Sufferings, when speaking of the proceedings of Swanzey Monthly Meeting, that "with the exception of two or three individuals, all the members of these Committees of the Monthly Meeting either united with the names proposed, or expressed their acquiescence therein."!!

that he felt the necessity of informing the Yearly Meeting's Committee what the objections were, and continued to state, that some time before, the individual now under nomination declared in this Monthly Meeting, in the presence of divers strangers, that a certain document presented to the meeting, and signed by four of its members, "was not the truth," and that he had since said so, not only in his own house, but in highways and in byways, and that he (the speaker) was willing to say, after taking himself from the Friends thus accused, that the remaining three were as respectable for truth and veracity as any in this meeting, and that they would not suffer in this respect by a comparison with any three Friends in the Yearly Meeting—that a private interview had been taken with the individual with a view to reconciliation without avail, and the next step pointed out by Holy Writ, and recognized by our Discipline, was then taken, viz: an interview before witnesses, but without effect—and that in consequence of these failures to effect a reconciliation, a complaint had been prepared and signed by the aggrieved party, which must ere long claim the attention of the Overseers and the Monthly Meeting; adding that he felt willing to appeal to the Yearly Meeting's Committee, whether a Friend thus guilty of defamation and slander, was eligible to the appointment of an Overseer, a situation which would bring his own case under his official consideration. But the Committee would not notice this appeal to their judgment, still urging the appointment of *Edmund Chace.*

It was proposed that the five Friends agreed to, should be chosen as Overseers, leaving the sixth until a subsequent time; but *David Shove* and some others objected to any choice being made unless the whole report was adopted. The Clerk inquired of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, whether they would not consent that *E. Chace* should be left out of the list, and some other Friend named for the place; and finally, whether they would not consent that we should take *Theophilus Shove 2d* one of the present Overseers?

John Meader said, "The Committee have all agreed, *it's fixed*, we can make no compromise."

The Clerk having collected the sense of the meeting, made a minute referring the subject one month, under the care of the same Committee.

[Our Monthly Meeting, we believe, has always manifested a disposition to take the advice of Friends, when it was given agreeable to the provisions of the Discipline; but we do not find that these any where give authority to a superior meeting, to go into an inferior, uncalled for by such meeting, and dictate the transacting of its business. But the whole scope and tenor of the Discipline, in granting appeals to inferior meetings and individuals, would seem to foreclose the exercise of such authority by a superior meeting. Because giving to a meeting or an individual the right of appeal to a body who had already judged the case, would be to make our Discipline in that respect a nullity.

And there is another consideration relative to such a course which is of great magnitude and weight—that Friends in their deliberations and proceedings in transacting the affairs in the Church, should seek best Wisdom, and endeavor to be governed in their decisions by the instructions of the Spirit of Truth. And if it is to become an established usage, that a Yearly Meeting's Committee may go into a Monthly Meeting, and there dictate its proceedings and make its decisions; then this fundamental principle, by which Friends profess to be governed, would be laid waste.]

This Monthly Meeting appointed representatives to attend the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, to be held in the eighth month following, by whom were sent answers to the queries and other necessary accounts, signed by Thomas Wilbur, Clerk. And after a session of six hours, concluded in the usual way.*

The Quarterly Meeting recognized the representatives appointed as above, and received the accounts as from a regularly established and duly organized Monthly Meeting.

At our Monthly Meeting, held on the 26th of eighth month, 1844, we had the company of several strangers or persons not members of said meeting. When the public meeting was concluded, and Friends were about to proceed to the business, the Clerk (Thomas Wilbur) having taken his usual seat at the table—*John Meader*, of Providence, rose and said, in substance, that he wished Friends to pause a little, as he had something to communicate, relative to the situation in which this meeting then stood; and thought it unnecessary to go farther back than the meeting of the previous month.

He proceeded to make a statement of the doings of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, and of the last Monthly Meeting, saying that the Yearly Meeting's Committee laid before the Quarterly Meeting, the written advice which they had presented to our last meeting—and that the Quarterly Meeting approved of it, and ordered it placed on record. That the Committee of the Quarterly Meeting, which had been for several years standing, was dismissed, and a selection of Friends made to attend this meeting to assist in the transacting of its business, appointing its officers, and in the due organization of the same—adding that this course was in perfect accordance with the usages of our Society! He closed his remarks by proposing that Thomas Wilbur should now leave the table, and *David Shove* take his seat there as Clerk of this Meeting. This proposition was approved by *Jethro F. Mitchell*, *James Dennis*,

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* We admit Swanzey Monthly Meeting to be a subordinate branch of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and New England Yearly Meeting, and have always held ourselves subordinate and accountable thereto; agreeable to the provisions of our Discipline; and for the manner in which a Monthly Meeting should be treated by a Quarterly Meeting, when any difference relative to the same claims its consideration, Friends are referred to the Discipline, pages 118, 119, and requested to compare it with the manner in which Swanzey Monthly Meeting has been treated.

Timothy C. Collins, Zaccheus Chace, Gideon C. Smith, William S. Perry, and a few others, who not being members of Swanzey Monthly Meeting, had therefore no right to meddle in the transaction of its business. Neither did they or any of the strangers referred to, present to the meeting any credentials clothing them with authority for such conduct, though repeatedly requested to show the authority by which they thus acted. The change of Clerk was again repeatedly urged by *J. Meader,* and united with by a number of our members; though as large a number objected to it; placing their disapprobation partly upon the ground, that they were fully satisfied with Thomas Wilbur as Clerk, but *David Shove* having acted in that capacity a few years since, did not give general satisfaction. It was further observed by some speakers, that the object and aim of some who advised a change in the Clerk, were clearly to procure the disownment or expulsion of all who had (in any way) taken a stand against the introduction of spurious and unsound doctrines. And the character of those Doctrines, and the means taken for spreading them among Friends was alluded to, as also the fact of a design cherished by some portion of our Society to establish these new views, as evinced by the disownment of some, and the persecution of many, for no other reason than their advocating a firm adherence to the original principles of our Society, and speaking freely against the adoption and spread of those which are unsound. The important fact was also noticed, that the first prominent manifestation of disunity in Swanzey Monthly Meeting, was an attempt to have a Friend dealt with for speaking against the circulation of unsound doctrines.

After some further discussion, at the request of several Friends, the Clerk proceeded to open the meeting, by making the usual minute; whereupon *John Meader* repeated his request that *David Shove* would walk forward to the table, and he rising advanced towards it, aided by *James Dennis* and *Timothy C. Collins,* two of the aforesaid strangers—one of them taking him by the arm and leading him forward. But on approaching the Clerk's table, not finding room made there for him, they paused a moment, and *John Meader* said, "Take another seat," whereupon they turned away and sat down in another place, and *David* soon commenced writing. In the mean time, the regular Clerk of the Monthly Meeting had read the opening minute, and now proceeded to take up references from the records of last month, calling upon Committees, who accordingly reported. *David Shove* now read, apparently from several papers, much to the disturbance of the meeting.

At length *John Meader* proposed to adjourn, which was united with by some of the strangers, and *two* or *three* members of our Monthly Meeting. Soon after, while the Clerk was reading in the regular course of the Meeting's business, *John Meader* rose, and rather impatiently urged an adjournment; and many others rising about the same time, *David Shove* said "the Meeting is adjourned to three o'clock." During this commotion and disorder, *John Meader* said that all those who remained on their seats would be

considered as out of unity with the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings. And most of the strangers and many of our members left the house. The Clerk, however, notified Friends, that the Meeting was not adjourned, and requested that they would remain quiet. About thirty of our members remained, and the Meeting continued to transact such business as necessarily came before it, until it was accomplished, and then quietly separated.

It seems, that some person, (we believe *James Dennis* of Providence Monthly Meeting.) about the time the separatists left the house, went into the women's Meeting, unauthorized by the Clerk, and informed them that the men's Meeting was about to adjourn; and before seasonable time was allowed for correcting the error, the women's Meeting had adjourned.

It will be recollected that the Yearly Meeting's Committee at our previous Monthly Meeting, withdrew their minute of appointment, not allowing the Clerk opportunity to record it, and one of them said that they "always carried it with them;" therefore, inasmuch as they at this time declined to produce any credentials, they must in these proceedings have acted upon their own individual responsibility. And those who were in attendance professing to be a Committee of the Quarterly Meeting, most decidedly refused to exhibit to the Monthly Meeting any authority from the Quarterly Meeting when called for; and whatever action they took, in assisting to set up a separate table and a separate Clerk in the Meeting, was unauthorized and disorderly.

We believe that a paper purporting to be a minute from the Quarterly Meeting, appointing a Committee to attend Swanzey Monthly Meeting, was read by *David Shove* before leaving the house. But such document produced after a schism had been effected, could not, we conceive, look back and legalize disorderly proceedings already performed in an individual capacity; neither can it be admitted that such credentials, even if presented in a regular manner to the Meeting—could confer such powers and authority, as these individuals claimed and attempted to exercise.

It is admitted that the representatives from the Preparative Meetings, withheld their accounts from the Monthly Meeting, and presented them to *David Shove*, but we conceive that the Monthly Meeting was not responsible for their course in this respect, any more than it would have been, had they proved recreant to duty by carrying them to a Meeting of Episcopalians or Baptists. Neither do we believe that such a misdemeanor of a few individuals, would in any way prejudice the validity of a Monthly Meeting.

The business had been so managed in the Preparative Meetings, by those who have been in some measure instrumental in effecting this schism, by nominating representatives in a very hurried manner, as to secure the appointment of those who would report to *David Shove*; no doubt in anticipation of the present state of things. And in the Preparative Meetings, names proposed as representatives have been rejected by the Clerk without assigning any reason; and of Friends too, of good standing in Society.

The Preparative Meetings, with the exception of one, now send their representatives and accounts to the regular, and long established Swanzey Monthly Meeting.

During the proceedings of the Monthly Meeting in the 9th month, some business was sent to the women's department, but the person then acting as Clerk there, declined to receive it; whereupon they appointed another in her place, that they might co-operate with Swanzey Monthly Meeting of men Friends, and a number of the women withdrew from the Meeting, together with the former Clerk.

WILLIAM SLADE,
OLIVER CHACE,
THOMAS WILBUR,
AMOS C. WILBUR,
ISRAEL BUFFINTON. } *Committee.*

Extracted from the minutes of Swanzey Monthly Meeting, and by direction thereof forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, by

THOMAS WILBUR, *Clerk.*

From South Kingstown Monthly Meeting of Friends, to the Meeting for Sufferings for New England Yearly Meeting, (in the 4th Mo. 1841.)

DEAR FRIENDS—

This Meeting being sensible that many Friends amongst us, as well as elsewhere, are dissatisfied with some writings in extensive circulation among Friends, purporting to be the doctrines of our Society; and believing that in several important particulars they are not in accordance with those of our ancient Friends; we are brought under much concern and exercise lest those ancient testimonies of truth, so long and so zealously maintained by our faithful predecessors, and still dear to us, should become impaired, and the Society fall into error and degeneracy.

To avoid this sad result, it seems to us that great care is necessary on the part of Friends; and more especially of those whom the Society has placed as watchmen on its walls, to detect and counteract every inroad upon its established doctrines and testimonies, and every manifestation of unsoundness, in whomsoever it may appear.

We therefore request that the Meeting for Sufferings (under whose care the subject above alluded to seems properly to come,) will, with as little delay as may be, enter into an examination of said writings, touching their soundness, and decide thereon; referring you among others to the doctrines contained in the subjoined extracts; under a belief and earnest hope that such a course will tend to the restoration and preservation of the unity and peace of the Society.

*References to the writings of Joseph John Gurney, and extracts from the same; submitted to the Meeting for Sufferings, for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends; by South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in Rhode Island.**

He is understood by many exercised and concerned Friends, to denominate the Light of Truth immediately communicated to the mind of man, "*The Light of Nature,*" or at best, to confound it with the constitutional gifts of the natural man, (see Essays, p. 366,) and to place the Scriptures on ground which they do not claim for themselves, as well as to invalidate other important doctrines maintained by Friends—as the following extracts are believed to show.

"The light of Scripture respecting the moral government of God, and future rewards and punishments, as well as respecting the law itself, far exceeds *the light of nature,* both in clearness and extent, yet with that *fainter and narrower light,* it is in just accordance, in perfect harmony." Portable Evidence, (Boston ed.) pp. 117, 118.

"God has written his moral law on the hearts of all men—or, in other words, has interwoven a sense of it with *their very nature.*" Essays, p. 392.

"This delightful science (Geology) has done much to confirm the Scripture record, and to complete that *natural* proof of a Supreme intelligent Being, *on which all religion hinges.*" Address to Manchester Mechanics, p. 6.

"Without the knowledge of what is revealed to us in the Scriptures, and *only* there revealed, it is impossible for any man to form a full estimate of sin." Portable Ev. p. 121.

"Whatsoever of correct theology is to be found on the pages of modern Christians, or even Deists, is borrowed from the sacred volume." Portable Ev. p. 31.

"The comparison which *some* of the *early* Friends were accustomed to institute between the Spirit as the primary rule, and the Scriptures as the secondary one, was not intended, as I conceive, to apply to the question of *authority,* but only to that of *order* and *dignity.*" Strictures on "Truth vindicated," p. 24.

"In the fulfilment of the *written prophecy*—in the wisdom of the *written doctrine*—in the purity of the *written law*—in the harmony of the contents of the Bible, amidst almost endless variety, and in its efficacy as the principal means employed by Divine Providence for the *illumination, conversion,* and *spiritual edification* of men,—the enquirer cannot fail to perceive," &c. "Therefore the person who searches for that which is *revealed,* may safely direct his unhesitating attention to *that which is written.*" Essays, p. 383.

[The Bible,] "a book in which *all things moral and spiritual*

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* For more copious extracts from the writings of this author, *contrasted* with those of the early Friends, the reader is referred to "John Wilbur's Narrative and Exposition."

belonging to the welfare of man, are *fully* unfolded." Again: "For the *knowledge* of *religion* in all its beauty, and strength, and completeness, we must have recourse to the Bible; we must meditate on the *written word*. *There* the *whole* moral law is delineated with a pencil of heavenly light," &c. Manchester Address, p. 6.

"The moral law *as revealed in Scripture*, partakes of the character of its Author," &c. "It applies to *all* circumstances, comprehends *all* conditions, regulates *all* motives, directs and controls *all* overt acts." Portable Evidence, p. 33.

"In the Bible, all is simple, powerful, and practical; while enough is hidden to humble us under a sense of our own ignorance, enough is revealed to direct our faith and to *regulate our conduct*." Same, p. 69.

"When we open the volume of Scripture, and propose that interpretation of its contents (*especially* of its more mysterious parts) which is demanded by the plain *laws of criticism*—laws which good sense has established, and which are familiar to every *scholar*—we again appeal to enlightened reason." Same, p. 170.

"It is the Bible, and the Bible *only*, which declares a standard of morals universally applicable to our need, and liable to no change." Same, p. 35.

"In effecting this blessed change, &c. the Holy Spirit makes use of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as his grand appointed instrument. That gospel, written in the holy Scriptures and preached by the Lord's messengers, is a spiritual weapon of heavenly mould; and when wielded by a divine hand, it penetrates the heart, and becomes the power of God unto salvation." On Love to God, p. 5.

He is understood to inculcate:

That the gospel of Christ is not intrinsically the power of God unto salvation: that the expressions of the apostle, Rom. i. 16, do not signify an internal ministration of the power of God, whether preached by Him the great Minister of ministers, or by his messengers. Brief Remarks, p. 5.

That when the evangelist declared, "That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," he only meant to convey the idea that it was from Christ in the flesh that men derived the light of an outward revelation; that Christ is not to be identified with his own Spirit immediately illuminating the mind of man; that such a belief is a mistake, and that the obvious tendency of it is to deprive the Saviour of his personal attributes, and to reduce him to the rank of a principle.

That Christ, though called a quickening Spirit, is not to be identified with the anointing which teacheth us all things. That when the apostle spake to the believers of "*Christ in them the hope of glory*," or when he said to them, "*Except Christ be in you, ye are reprobates*," he was not speaking of the inward manifestation and presence of the Lord Jesus Christ; that the erroneous interpretation of these passages by some of our writers, has evidently been the means of aiding that tremendous process of heresy in America. Brief Remarks, p. 7.

That the parable of the *mustard seed*, and the *seed of the sower*, do not allude to the ministration of a little measure or portion of the saving grace, Spirit, and power of God or of Christ, sown in the heart of man. Same, p. 9.

That Christ *in the flesh* only, is the rock on which the Church is builded. Same, p. 10.

That the Name of Jesus Christ as expressed in healing the impotent man, (Acts, iv. 10, 12,) as also the Name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (Matt. xxviii. 19,) does not imply the life and power of Jesus, &c. Same, p. 11, 12, and Essays, p. 112.

That *the* body of Christ which was born of the virgin, and *the* blood which was shed upon Mount Calvary, are by faith the alone essentials of the communion of saints. Brief Remarks, p. 12, 13, 14.

That he construes Paul's expression to the Hebrews, to wit, "And unto them that look for him, shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation," to *mean nothing more nor less* than Christ's future coming in glory to judge the quick and dead. Same, p. 15.

That the Spirit of Christ is a Person, and that Person distinct from Jesus Christ; that there are distinct Sources of Divinity; that there is a plurality in the one God—a plurality in the Divine Essence. See Essays, p. 109, 113, 117, 384.

That justification precedes sanctification. Same, p. 357.

That he believes in a form of prayer, or in previously prepared expressions in the exercise of that most solemn act. Book of Doctrines, (Eng. ed.) p. 292.

That he believes in the delivery of public discourses (or lectures) on Christianity, distinct from the ministry. Same, p. 280, 281.

"As it relates to the faithful followers of Christ, the *resurrection of the body* clearly forms a part of the scheme of redemption." Portable Evidence, p. 151.

"With respect to the impenitent wicked, their lot *during the separate state* is described as one of pain and punishment," &c. Essays, p. 134.

"On this *hallowed* day we are bound by a sacred obligation," &c. Sabbath, p. 102.

"Although these assemblies (in the middle of the week) are the means of much edification, they are *seldom found* to *serve the purpose* of social worship and communion in their full extent." Same, p. 107.

In so many words he charges Barclay, Penn, and Pennington (as authors) with defects; and virtually by the sentiments here quoted, as well as by many other constructions of the Sacred Writings, is believed to implicate some of the *distinguishing views* of most of our approved writers, with doctrinal errors.

which is accepted, and after deliberating thereon it is concluded to deny him his right of Membership in this Meeting, having the unity of the Burlington Meeting herein, and Stephen Chase is appointed to inform him of the doings of this Meeting, in this case.—

The committee appointed at our last Meeting on the subject of presenting names of persons to serve in the capacity of Elders, not being ready to report, are continued to that service and desired to report to our next Meeting

It is concluded to appoint Stephen Chase to call on the friends who are lately our Friends of Birth, Death & Marriages, & report to our next Meeting.

It is concluded by this Meeting to ask of the Quarterly Meeting the liberty of holding our Monthly Meetings at such time and place as circumstances seem to demand, under the care & the advice of the Quarterly Meeting, & if it should be deemed necessary, we should like to have the privilege of holding our Monthly Meetings on some other day of the week, always to be under the direction of the Quarterly Meeting committee, & the Clerk is directed to send the substance of this minute to our next Quarterly Meeting

Inasmuch as we have for a considerable time been hindered & incommoded by those who separated from us in the 8th Month last, in the use of our Meeting houses, and are at this time shut out entirely from the occupancy of the house in Vergennes, it is concluded to appoint Oliver Chase Jr, Daniel C Miller, Israel Butterfield & Oliver Chase, a committee to act in conjunction with the Overseers on our behalf in endeavouring to secure to us as a Monthly Meeting the use and benefits of our property, & report from time to time as it may be necessary, and to draw on the Monthly Meetings treasurer for all necessary expenses

The committee continued at our last Meeting relative to obtaining book &c from our former friends are again continued and desired to report at our next Meeting

Received at this time a general certificate from Easton Monthly Meeting, which is opened & referred to our committee on certificates. (in favour of Silas P. Collins)

The friends appointed at our last Meeting to collect Money for the use of this Meeting are continued & that Service is desired to report to our next Meeting

Rec'd at this time a communication from Mason Buffington wherein he informs us that he has connected himself with another religious society and requests a dismissal from our society, whereupon we appoint Palmer Chace & Stephen Chace a committee to wait on him on that account & report to our next Meeting

The Overseers of Fall River Preparative Society presented the following communication viz,

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held in Somerset 27th of 1st Mo 1845

These are to inform that Samuel Shove has so far deviated from our Christian principles & testimonies as to give way to angry passions, & resort to violence upon the person of another member of society by forcibly striking him. We present it to the Meeting as a case of disorderly behaviour, which requires the attention of Friends, which we submit

Palmer Chace
Fall River 27th of 1st Mo 1845 Wm. Wood Overseers

against Samuel Shove which is accepted, and Edmund Buffington, Saml. Buffington & Wm. C. Wood are appointed to labour with him on that account, & report to our next Meeting

Fall River Overseers also presented the following information against the persons therein named viz,

To Swansea Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 27th of 1st Mo 1845.

These are to inform that Azariah Shove, Lloyd Anne Jenis Shove, Joseph C. Anthony, & Clark Shove have so far deviated from our Christian principles & testimonies as to obstruct friends from entering & occupying their Meeting house in peace, and have so far resorted to violence as to seize friends when they attempted to enter & thrust them back we have endeavoured to labour with them for their violation — — — — — —

but obtain no encouragement that they will refrain from such conduct in future, which we submit to the meeting

Palmer Chace
Fall River 12th Mo. 27th 1845 William Wood } (con)mittee

Which is accepted & Israel Wilbur, Stephen Chace Israel Buffington & Oliver Chace Jr are appointed to labour with them on the account therein named & report to our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting to have the care of our preparative Meetings, report that they have paid some attention thereto, & that they are of opinion that it will be best to discontinue the Preparation Meeting at Freetown & attend the members thereof to Fall River Preparative Meeting, said Members being desirous to be so laid down. The Com are continued.

The committee appointed at the last on the subject of Appealing from a paper that was read in our meeting, present the following report viz;

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

& our Friends

We your committee appointed in the 3d Month last, on the subject of a paper read by a person present from the Clerks table, purporting to have emanated from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, report, that we have taken the subject into consideration & are unitedly of the opinion that a communication thus read in a disorderly manner, should not be considered as coming properly under the notice of a Meeting; consequently could not be appealed from to a superior Meeting

All of which we submit.

Thomas B Wilbur
Israel Buffington
Palmer Chace
William G Wood

which is accepted and ordered to be recorded.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2d Mo 24th 1845 Accounts being present from Fall River preparative Meeting their Representatives are Stephen Chace, Miller Chace, & Philip Tripp who are all present.

Whereas Friends composing this Monthly Meeting are again prevented from entering & occupying our usual place of holding our Monthly Meeting for business, by those who have separated from us, it is concluded to adjourn this Meeting to the house of Miller Chace, without thereby intending to relinquish our claim or our Meeting house and property therewith connected.

At the residence of Miller Chace in Fall River Friends have assembled agreeable to adjournment the representatives being all present.

One of the representatives appointed to attend the last Quarterly Meeting reports that they all attended.

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of bringing forward names of Friends to serve in the capacity of Elders not being ready to report, are continued to that service, & desired to report in the fourth Month next.

The committee continued at our last Meeting to obtain the records &c of our former Treasurer not being ready to report, are again continued & desired to report in the fifth Mo next.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to obtain our records of Births, Deaths & Marriages not being ready to report is continued & desired to report in the fifth Mo next.

A certificate presented at our last Meeting in favour of Silas & Tolling, is now received & ordered to be recorded.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to visit in Mason Buffington presented the following report viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting next to be held at Fall River.

Dear Friends

We the committee in case of Mason

Buffington have attended to our appointment & had an opportunity with him the appears to be established in the principles of the society that he has connected himself with & wishes friendly to discern him from their Meeting, all of which we submit to the Meeting

Palmer Chace
Stephen Chace

2d Mo 24th 1845

Which is accepted, & he is therefore denied from further connection with this Monthly Meeting, being the unity of the unity of the Women Meeting

The committee appointed to visit Joseph Shove at our last Meeting, inform that they have devoted some attention to the subject, but not being ready to make a report, are continued and desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to visit Daniel Shove, Denis Shove, & Joseph G Anthony, report that they have visited them & they justify themselves in the transactions of which they are complained. & make the following report viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

The undersigned of the committee appointed to visit Azariah Shove on account of his deviating in laying violent hands on some friends and forcing them back from an entrance into our Meeting House, and for assisting to sustain a separate Meeting contrary to discipline & the order of Society, Report that we have had an opportunity with him & endeavoured to convince him of the impropriety of such a course, but find that he justifies himself therein and does not appear to be in a state of mind to make Friendly satisfaction, which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

Stephen Chace
Jonas Buffington
Anna C. Wilbur

Fall River 2 Mo 24th 1845

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your committee appointed to see Jos G Anthony on account of deviations complained of, Report, that we have had an opportunity with him on the subject & find that he justifies himself in the course that he has taken & manifests no disposition to make friendly satisfaction, which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

Stephen Chace
Anna C. Wilbur
Jonas Buffington

Fall River 2 Mo 24th 1845

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The undersigned of the committee appointed to visit David Shove on account of his deviations from our christian principles & testimonies, Report, that we have had an opportunity with him on the subject, he admits the charge of saying violent hard things on Friends & forcing them back into an enlargement into the Meeting house but justifies himself therein, as being consistent with the principles professed by Friends. Which we submit to the meeting.

Israel Buffinton,
Fall River 2 mo 24th 1845. Amos C. Wilbur

Which are accepted and in a due degree of dedication thereto it is concluded to leave them their privilege & right in our society, having the unity of the monthly meeting herein. & Edward Slade is requested to inform them of the doings of this meeting

The aforesaid committee is continued to have the care of the other cases committed to their charge & report to our next Meeting

Fall River Overseers presented the following complaint against Leonard Wood viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held 2 mo 24th 1845.

These are to inform that Leonard Wood has decided from our christian discipline & testimonies, so far as to behave himself in a very unbecoming manner, in disturbing Meetings & obstructing Friends from the peaceable enjoyment of our Meeting houses, some labour has been bestowed with him & complaint is accepted & Oliver Chase & Amos C. Wilbur are appointed to labour with him on those accounts and report to our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of raising Money are again continued & desired to report at our next Meeting.

Whereas we have been several times forcibly denied the privilege of holding our Meetings for business in our meeting houses and the subject of Friends being accommodated with a suitable place to hold our Meetings in future, coming before the Meeting at this time it is concluded to appoint Isaac Wilbur, Israel Buffinton, Leonard Wood, Oliver Chase, & Oliver Chase, a committee to take the subject into consideration & if way open for it,

to provide a suitable place where our Meetings both for Worship & Discipline may be quietly held, and report to our next Meeting, and until such time our Fall River Meetings are to be held at the Dwelling house of Israel Buffinton,

With the advice and permission of our last Quarterly Meeting it is now concluded that our next Monthly Meeting be held in Fall River instead of going to Jamestown as usual, and as our friend Miller Chace kindly offer the use of his house for that purpose it is concluded that until further consideration on the subject, our Monthly Meetings are to be held at this place, having the unity of the Women friends,

It is concluded to raise four hundred dollars to supply our Treasury, & Israel Buffinton, & Edward Slade & Oliver Chace are appointed to call on friends to subscribe towards said sum & to report to our next Meeting

Palmer Chace & Samuel C. Wilbur are appointed a committee to call on Abraham Shove for the Clerk & the former records, Books & papers, deposited in his hands sometime since by this Meeting, whose property they are, & hand them into the hands of Oliver Chace, who is desired to keep them safely for the use and benefit of this Monthly Meeting.

Our Overseers are requested to call on those persons who may have any Books, records or papers, belonging to this Meeting, not otherwise obtained by other committee

At a Quarterly Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 3d Mo 31-st 1845

The accounts from Fall River preparative Meeting being perused the representatives therein named are Oliver Chace, Silas Wood, & Israel Buffinton & are all present

The committee continued at our last Meeting in the case of Samuel C Shove presented the following report

To Quarterly Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your committee appointed to visit Samuel C Shove on account of misconduct towards another friend have said attention thereto but he refused to treat with us on the subject which we submit to the Meeting.

Israel Buffinton.
Edward Buffinton.

Fall River 3d Mo 31. 1845.

which is accepted, and after a time for deliberation it is concluded to deny him his right in our religious society, having the unity of the women herein

The committee appointed to visit Clark & Shove presented the following report viz

To Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We of the committee to visit Clark & Shove on account of complaint presented by the Overseers, have attended to our appointment, had an interview with him but do not find him disposed to make friendly satisfaction which we submit to the Meeting

Bruce Buffington

Hall Rivers 3d Mo 30th 1845 Amos G Hathaway

Which is accepted and after a time of deliberation it is concluded to deny him his right of membership in our religious society, having the unity of the women herein.

The committee appointed to labour with Lloyd Chace presented the following report viz

To Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

We of your committee appointed to labour with Lloyd Chace, have had an opportunity with him, he acknowledged the complaint here the Overseers to be true, But was not willing to condemn his disorderly conduct, which we submit to the Meeting.

Stephen Chace

Fall River 3d Mo 30th, 1845 Bruce Buffington

Which is accepted, and after a time for deliberation it is concluded to deny him his right of membership in our society, having the unity of the women herein

Received at this time a removal certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting, in favour of Nathan Buffington, his wife Hannah, & their children Sarah Ann & Nathan J. M. Buffington which is accepted & ordered to be recorded

The committee appointed to labour with Reynard Woods inform that they are not ready to report, they are therefore continued & desired to report to our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of nursing Mary are again continued & desired to report to our next Meeting

Samuel Buffinton one of a committee appointed in the 5th Mo. to raise four hundred dollars informs this Meeting that they are not ready to report, they are therefore continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee appointed at our last Meeting on the subject of Friends being accommodated with a suitable place to hold our Meetings, report that they find no place which appears suitable to accommodating us than to continue at the House of Samuel Buffinton as heretofore, & that our Monthly Meetings be also held at the same place, all of which is accepted, & the committee are continued, for the aforesaid service whenever may open for a better accommodation, the committee are desired to embrace said opportunity, informing this Meeting thereof, having the unity of the Women herein.

The committee appointed to call on Abraham Shove for the Book, papers, records &c, belonging to this Meeting, report that they have attended to the same, & that the said Abraham Shove acknowledges said property to be in his possession, but refuses to give it over into the hands of said committee, whereupon it is concluded to dismiss said committee from further service, & the further attention of this subject, having been placed under the care of the Overseers at our last Meeting, is now continued under their care

Nathan Buffinton is appointed to inform Samuel Shove, Clerk & Shove, & Edward Chase of their disownment.)

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 5th Mo 28th 1845 the accounts from Fall River preparative Meeting being present, the representatives therein named are Stephen Chase, Nathan Buffinton & Amos C Wilbur who are all present.

The Queries have been read at this time (and succeeded by answers from Fall River preparative Meeting from which a summary has been compiled as descriptive of our present state which the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting

together with a copy of this Minute by Nathan Buffington, Palmer Chace, Israel Buffington, & Amos C. Wilbur, whom we appoint our representatives

The committee appointed to visit Leonard Wood presented the following report viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Fall River 28th 4th mo 1845. The your committee appointed to visit Leonard Wood in regard to his deviations complained of, report that we have endeavoured to attend to our appointment, and do not find him disposed to make friendly satisfaction or to give the committee an opportunity to treat with him on the subject, which we submit to the Meeting

Oliver Chace
Fall River 4th mo 28th 1845 Amos C. Wilbur } Com.

Which is accepted and after a time for deliberation it is concluded to deny him his right of membership in our religious society, having the unity of Women herein & Stephen Chace is appointed to inform him the doings of this Meeting.

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of raising Money, report they have attended to their appointment and have raised by subscription Fifty dollars & seventy five cents ordered in the 12th Month last & have paid the same over to our Treas.

The committee appointed to raise a sum of Money ordered in the 2d mo last inform they have given attention to their appointment, but are not ready to make a full report, they are therefore continued & desired to report at our next Meeting.

The committee continued in the 2d Month on the subject of bringing forward names of Friends to serve in the capacity of Elders not being ready to report are continued to that service (and desired to report) in the 6th Mo next.

The committee continued in the first Month to have the care of our preparative Meetings not being ready to report) are again continued & desired to report in the sixth Month next.

Rec'd at this time through the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting the following Minute from said Meeting viz

Whereas several of our Monthly Meetings in their accounts, expres desires of holding their Monthly Meetings at such places as circumstances and convenience seem to demand, it is concluded to leave said Monthly Meetings at liberty to hold their Meetings as may appear to them best, under the advice and direction of the Quarterly Meetings committee, until our Meeting in the fifth Month next.

Extracted from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence 2d Mo 6th 1845

by Thomas Wilbur Clerk

At Swansey, Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 5 Mo 26th 1845. the Clerk & assistant being absent, Israel Buffinton is appointed Clerk for the day. The accounts from Fall River preparative Meeting being present the representatives therein named are, Miller Chace & Amos C Wilbur who being called are present, no accounts from Swansey preparative Meeting on account of their insubordination to this Meeting

Nathan Buffinton one of the representatives to attend the last Quarterly Meeting, informed that they all attended, & that the Quarterly Meeting left this Meeting at Libirty to hold its Meetings as heretofore, until the time of holding our Monthly Meeting in the 8th Month.

The committee appointed in the 2d Mo last to raise four hundred dollars to supply our Treasurer, not being ready to make a full report are continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

At Swansey monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 Mo 30th 1845, the accounts being present from Fall River preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Amos C Wilbur & Wm Wood who are present, no accounts from Swansey preparative Meeting on account of their insubordination to this Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting to raise Four hundred dollars to supply our Treas. not being ready to report are continued & desired to report to our next Meeting

The Women informed that they were about to make a minute of denial of the right of Membership against Keith B Brownell which this Meeting unites

The committee continued in the 2° Mo last to obtain the records &c of our former Treas. not being ready to report are again continued & desired to report in the 11th Month next.)

The committee continued in the 2° Mo last to obtain our records of Death, Births, & Marriages not being ready to report at this time are continued & desired to report in the 11th Mo next.)

The committee continued in the 4th Month on the subject of bringing forward names of friends to serve in the capacity of Elders, not being ready to report are again continued to that service and desired to report to our next Meeting.

The committee continued in the fourth Month to have the care of our Preparative Meetings not being ready to report at this time, are again continued and desired to report in the 9th Mo next.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of friends held in Fall River 7 Mo 28th 1845 accounts being presented from Fall River preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Oliver Chace & Miller Chace who are present, no accounts from Swansey preparative Meeting on account of their inconvenience to this Meeting.

The Queries have been read at this time and succeeded by answers from Fall River preparative Meeting to the usual three, from which general answers have been prepared as descriptive of our

present State which the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting, together with a copy of this Minute, by Nathan Bissenton, Miller Chace (and Philip Tripp whom we appoint) our representatives

One of the representatives to our last Yearly Meeting, informed this Meeting that they granted N.P. Quarterly Meeting the privilege of holding our next Quarterly Meeting in the 8th Mo at Newport

The committee continued at our last Meeting to raise Four hundred dollars to supply our Treas. not being ready to make a full report are again continued and desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting to bring forward names of Friends for the station of Elders report the following names to wit Palmer Chace & Thomas Wilbur, which nomination after due deliberation thereon was fully united with in this Meeting having the unity of the Womens Meeting herein they are accordingly appointed to that Station, and the Clerk is directed to give this information to our next Quarterly Meeting for their consideration

The Women informed this Meeting that they had appointed, Mary Chace & Ruth Chace to the Station of Elders with which this Meeting fully unites

The committee appointed in the 5th Mo last year to collect money (and make repairs on our meeting house in Tiverton not having effected the object of their appointment nor made any report to this Meeting, they are now dismissed from further service

Old Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 8 Mo 28th 1845 accounts being present from Fall River preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are William Wood and Palmer Chace who are present, no account from Swansey preparative Meeting on account of their inconvenience to this Meeting.

The committee continued at our last Meeting to raise Money for the use of said Meeting, report that they have raised the sum named, with the addition of Twenty nine dollars, which makes the sum of Four hundred & twenty nine dollars credited on our book, and said subject is still under the care of the same committee, who are desired to pay said sum to our Treasurer and produce his receipt therefor

One of the representatives appointed to attend the last Quarterly Meeting, informed that they all attended, and that the Quarterly Meeting concluded that our Monthly Meetings to be held as heretofore leaving the advice of the Quarterly Meeting's committee therein, for the term of three months, whereupon it is concluded that our Monthly Meetings be held at the dwelling house of Isaac Buffinton for the approaching three Months, having the unity of the Women herein

Our friend Isaac Buffinton informed this Meeting that he had a prospect of accompanying our friend John Wilbur on a religious visit to some of the Quarterly & other Meetings constituting New England Yearly Meeting, and he being

a Member of this Monthly Meeting, in unity with us, we unite therewith, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The time for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed having expired, it is concluded to reappoint Thos Wilbur for Clerk and Wm F. Woods for assistant Clerk for the term of one year or until others are appointed in their place

The time for which the Overseers of this Meeting were appointed having expired it is concluded to reappoint those of last year. viz. Wm Slade Wm Woods, Miller Chace, Palmer Chace, Seneca Lincoln and Philip Tripp, for the term of one year or until others are appointed in their places, having the unity of the Women herein.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 9 Mo 29th 1845. accounts being present from Fall River Preparative Meeting their representatives are Miller Chace & Wm Woods who are both present no accounts being present from Swansey Preparative Meeting from the insubordinate state of said Meeting

It is concluded to appoint Thos G Wilbur and Wilbur Buffington a committee to settle the Trust account & report the state thereof to our next Meeting & also prepare the name of some person to serve as Trus

The committee continued in the 6th Month last to settle the case of Swansey preparative Meeting, not being ready to report, are again continued for that service & directed to report in the 12th Mo next

Rec'd at this time a Removal certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of 8th mo last in favor of Moses B Buffinton & his minor Children viz Mary Catherine, John Edwards & James Mitchell Buffinton, which is accepted & ordered to be recorded.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our Friend Henry Gouldy on a Visit to Yearly Meetings committee

Fall River Preparative Meeting in their account in favor this Mo. Moses B. Buffinton proposed publishing his intentions of Marriage with Mary B Shearman at this time and they the said Moses B. Buffinton & Mary B Shearman appeared and declared their intentions of taking each other in Marriage, which this Meeting do not see request them to wait until our next Meeting for its approbation. & Brayton Slade & Isaac Buffinton are appointed to enquire into his clearness of Marriage engagements and report at our next Meeting

This Meeting concludes to reappoint Edward Buffinton as recorder of removal certificates and Isaac Buffinton as recorder of Marriage certificates both of whom are to serve for one year or until others are appointed in their place

It is concluded to appoint Moses B. Buffinton recorder of Births & Deaths, for the term of One Year or until some one is appointed in his place

Received the following extracts from our Yearly Meeting viz

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th Month to the 25th of the same inclusive 1845

A minute has at this time been received from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposing that the place of holding that Quarterly Meeting should be changed from Portsmouth to Newport in the Eighth Month, and from Sanford to Fall River in the Eleventh Month, to be held at the same time as heretofore; which proposition having claimed our deliberate consideration, we unite therewith and direct that said Meeting be convened accordingly in the Eighth & Eleventh Months; and in order that suitable accommodations may be reasonably provided; (our own Meeting Houses at those places respectively being now in the possession of the Separatists) the Clerk is directed to furnish Rhode Island and Sandwich Monthly Meetings with a copy of this minute, and they are requested to make such temporary provision therefor as they may think necessary until more permanent arrangements can be made, in all which we have the concurrence of the Women's Meeting

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting
by Thomas B Gould Clerk

It is concluded to appoint Wm Slade, Palmer Chase, and Isaac Buffington a committee to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting & report the expense thereof to our Meeting in the Eleventh Month next.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10th Mo 27th 1845 accounts being presents from Fall River Preparative Meeting their representatives thereto named are Philip Tripp and Palmer Chace who are present, no account being presents from Swansey preparative Meeting for the insubordinate State of that Meeting.

The Queries have been read at this time and succeeded by answers To the 1st 2d & 10th from Fall River preparative Meeting from which general answers have been prepared as descriptive of our present State, which The Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this Minute by Nathan Buffinton, Palmer Chace, and Luther Lincoln, whom we appoint our representatives

The committee appointed for that purpose report that nothing appears to prevent the Marriage of Thos B Buffinton with Mary B Sherman & they are therefore left at liberty to accomplish the same by keeping to good order according to Discipline and Amos & Wilbur & Isaac Buffinton are appointed to have the care of said Marriage, signing the certificate to the records and report to our next Meeting

We have at this time the acceptable company of our deceased friend Nathan Page, one of the Yearly Meetings committee whose company and service, have been very acceptable to us

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to settle the Treasurer accounts & propose some suitable person to serve this Meeting in that capacity Made the following report viz (over)

We your committee appointed for the purpose have examined the Treasurers account & find in his hands a balance of Thirty six dollars & seventy seven cents.

And we are united in proposing William Slade for Treasurer. which is submitted.

To Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends
to be held on the 27th of 10th Mo 1845

Nathan Buffington
A. C. Wilbur } Committee

which is accepted and ordered to be recorded.

It now being one year since our School committee were appointed it is concluded to reappoint Palmer Chace, Amos C. Wilbur, Philip Tripp & Seneca Lincoln to that service for one Year or until others are appointed in their places.

It is concluded at this time to raise four hundred dollars to supply our Treasurer & Oliver Chace Jr, Wm S Wood, Isaac Buffington & Seneca Lincoln are appointed to call on friends & subscribe towards said sum & report to our next meeting.

Sarah C Wilbur & Rachel Buffington being about to attend Westtown School for a few months & our Womens Meeting having prepared essays & certificates for them, our Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 11th Month 24th 1845 accounts being present from Fall River preparative Meeting the representatives thereof named are Pulmer Chace & Israel Buffinton who are present no accounts from Swansey Preparative Meeting on account of the insubordinate state of said Meeting

One of the Representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended & that also informed that the said Meeting granted this Meeting the privilege of holding our Monthly Meeting as heretofore

The committee appointed to attend the Marriage of Moses B Buffinton & Mary B Shearman, reported that they attended to said service & that it was orderly conducted & that the Certificate is lodged for record

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to raise Four hundred dollars to supply our Treasurer, not being ready to report at this time are continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued in the 6th Mo last to settle with our former Treasurer not being ready to report, are continued and desired to report in the 4th Month of next year or sooner if necessary

It now being One year since the Overseers of the Poor were appointed it is concluded to reappoint the following friends viz Israel Buffinton, Pulmer Chace, Samuel C. Wilbur, Arthur Sowle, & Seven Sowle, to serve this Meeting in that capacity for the ensuing year, or until others are appointed in their places, having the concurrence of the Women herein.

The committee appointed in the 9th Month last to make the necessary provisions for our last Quarterly Meeting presented the following report viz

To Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We of the Committee to provide for the Quarterly Meeting have attended thereto and the expense thereof is Two dollars & eighty seven cents.

Fall River 11 Mo 20 th 1845

Israel Buffinton
Palmer Chace } Com.

which is accepted and our Treasurer is requested to pay the amount thereof & to call on the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting for the same

The subject of Births & Deaths coming before the view of this Meeting at this time and after deliberating thereon it is concluded to appoint Israel Buffinton, Palmer Chace, Wm & Wood), & Philip Tripp to assist the recorder in obtaining accounts of all the Births & Deaths that properly come under the notice of this Meeting

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 12 th Mo 29 th 1845.

Accounts being present from one of our preparative meeting The representatives thereto named are Nathan Buffinton & Wm Wood), who are both present. the accounts from Swanzey Preparative Meeting not being present on account of insubordination

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of raising Four hundred dolls not being ready to report are continued and is desired to report at our next Meeting.

The committee appointed in the 2nd Mo of this year to provide Friends with a suitable place to hold our Meetings in, presented the following report viz.

The committee appointed sometime since to provide a suitable place for Friends to hold their Meetings in, present the following as their report. viz We inform that Oliver Chace & Jonas Buffinton have purchased the House commonly called the Green School House with the Lot on which it stands in the village of Fall River and generously given the use of the same to Friends on the following terms viz said Meeting shall take the House & one hundred feet of the Lot, north with the privilege of buying the rest by paying twenty five dollars per year for the Interest upon the back part of the Lot, until our said now pending pertaining to our Meeting House is finally adjusted & settled. without paying any thing therefor except seating the lower Room & Keeping the House & fences in good repair & paying for having the House Insured & what other expenses that may occur thereon, the said Oliver Chace & Jonas Buffinton reserving the chamber & said room to hold a school in so as not to interfere with the Meetings. The Meeting to adopt on first good first Days Then being more Friends.

Oliver Chace. Thos Wilbur
Mary Buffinton Mary Chace
Fall River 12 Mo 29th 1845. Jonas Buffinton & Wm H Wood

Which is accepted, & the House & Lot offered by Oliver Chace & Jonas Buffinton is hereby accepted & the meeting have concluded accept of the entire Lot, at the rate therein Mentioned

The committee continued in the 9th Month last), to have the care of Swansey Preparative Meeting, not being ready to report, are again continued to that service and desired to report at our next Meeting

Gilbert Chace, Micah G. Wilbur, Bradford Buffington & Oliver Chace are appointed a committee to attend to taking a Lease of Oliver Chace & Bradford Buffington's Lot & House which we have concluded to have of them & to have said House put in a suitable & comfortable condition for holding our Meetings in & report to our next Meeting the Terms thereof.

Edward Slade, Nathan Buffington & Wm. Wood are appointed & called on friends to subscribe in their freedom towards defraying the expense of fitting up & repairing the School House as above mentioned and report to our next Meeting.

At a Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River the 26th of 10th Mo. 1846 accounts being passed from Fall River Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Gilbert Chace, Philip Tripp & Oliver Chace, who are all present) the accounts from Swansey Preparative Meeting is not passed from the circumstance of that Meeting

The Queries have been read at this time & the 1st 2nd & 10th answered by answers from one of our Preparative Meetings which answers to our present state, & which together with a copy of this Minute the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting & Stephen Chace, Oliver Chace, Micah G. Buffington & Philip Tripp are appointed our representatives

Rec^d at this time a removal Certificate from Purchase Monthly Meeting in favour of Anne Fiske this day Join with Her Husband Geo K & Anna K Fiske which is accepted, being the unity of the Women, & ordered to be recorded

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of the two hundred dollar subscription not being ready to make a full report, are continued and desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of Quarterly Preparative Meeting not being ready to report, are again continued to that service and desired to report in the 4th Mo next.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to attend to the fixing up & painting the School House as mentioned at this Meeting, not being ready to report are continued & desired to report at our next Meeting, & it being the opinion of the committee that said House will be got in order soon than our next Meeting, it is concluded that our Meetings both for Discipline & Worship shall be held in said House on & after the 2^d first day in the 2^d Month next, until further arrangements is made by this Meeting.

The committee appointed to call on Friends to subscribe towards the repairs of our contemplated House for holding our Meetings not being ready to report are continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

Our friend Samuel Buffington returned at this time the copy of a minute granted him in the 9th month last accompanied from Wilbur to one of the meetings constituting a part of our own Yearly Meeting - and also presented an endorsement thereto as granted by Dover Quarterly Meeting expressive of unity with the same &c. all of which is accepted by this Meeting.

It is concluded to appoint, Amos & Wilbur Isaac Fish, Thomas Wilbur Palmer Chace Oliver Chace & William Slade a committee to unite with such Friends as may be appointed by our Yearly Meeting, to prepare if may should open for it) a Memorial on account of our late deceased friend Benja Buffington and present to this Meeting at second sitting time.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2d Mo 23d 1846. accounts being rec'd from Fall River Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Edward Buffington, Palmer Chace & Philip Tripp, who are all present, the accounts from Swansey Preparative Meeting is not prepared from the incumbrances of that Meeting

One of the Representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting informed they all attended except one

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of the Four hundred dollar subscription not being ready to report at this time are continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting to attend to the fitting up & repairing the School House as accepted by this Meeting, not being ready to make a full report at

this time are continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting to call on Friends to subscribe towards the repairs of fitting our Meeting Room not being ready to report are continued & desired to report to our next Meeting

This Meeting unites with the Women, in issuing a Certificate in favour of Sarah . Macy, from Sandwich Monthly Meeting which is ordered to be recorded

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting informed that said Meeting had concluded to raise One hundred & fifty dollars to supply their Treasury which this Meeting notices, & Edward Buffinton & Miller Chase appointed to call on Friends to subscribe towards said sum & report to our next Meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in FallRiver 3d Mo 30th 1846 accounts being present from Fall River Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Isaac Fisher & Israel Buffinton who are present, the accounts from Swansey preparative Meeting is not present from the insubordinate state of said Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of the Four hundred dollars subscription not being ready to report at this time are continued desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting for the purpose of fitting & repairing the School House as accepted by this Meeting not being ready to Make a full report at this time are therefor continued & desired to report to our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting to call on friends to subscribe towards the repair of fitting up our Meeting Room, not being ready to report at this time are continued & desired to report to our next Meeting

The committee appointed to raise Money for our proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock reported by Rest that they had collected Sixty dollars & paid the same to our Treas. Rec'd at this time extracts from the Q. Meeting Minutes which are accepted (Viz)

The committee for the apportionment of Moneys to be raised by the Quarterly Meeting propose that the different Monthly Meeting be requested to enter into a subscription in which the Members may contribute in their proportion for the purpose of raising the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars, which report is accepted & the different Monthly Meetings are requested to forward the respective amounts raised to the Treasurer previous to our next Meeting

Extracted from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence 5th of 2d Mo 1846

By Ethan Foster Clerk

Our Treasurer is requested to pay to our Quarterly Meeting Treas Sixty dollars towards said Meeting Stock

It is concluded to appoint Ethan Burlington Palmer Chace, Miller Chace, Almon C Wilbur, Israel Thurston & Isaac Fish, a committee to unite with such Friends as may be appointed by our Yearly Meeting, to prepare if way should open for it, a Memorial in account of our late deceased Friend, Ruth Burlington & present to this Meeting at some future time.

This Meeting was informed that Silas P Robbins request a removal certificate to Providence Mo Meeting whereupon we appoint Almon C Wilbur Palmer Chace, to prepare an essay of one if nothing appears to obstruct and present to our next Meeting

At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held in Fall River the 4th Mo 27th 1846 Friends being present from Fall River preparative Meeting the representatives thereunto named are Wm Wood & Samuel C Wilbur who are present the accounts from Swansey preparative Meeting is not present from the insubordination of that Meeting

The Queries have been read at this time & answered by answers from One of our preparative Meetings which answers to our present state, which together with a copy of this Minute the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting. by Oliver Chace, Nathan Buffinton, Isaac Buffinton, & Isaac Tinkham whom we appoint our representatives

Our Treasurer has paid to your Treasurer the sum of Sixty dollars

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of the Four hundred dollars subscription not being ready to report are again continued & desired to report to our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting for the purpose of fitting & repairing our Meeting Room as accepted by this Meeting, not being ready to report at this time are again continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting to call on Friends to subscribe towards the repairs of fitting our Meeting Room, not being ready to report at this time are again continued & desired to report to our next Meeting.

The committee appointed sometime since to prepare a Memorial of our deceased Friend Benj" Buffinton presented one at this time which being read and approved by this Meeting, having the unity of the Ministers in it is concluded to forward it to our next Q. Meeting for their disposal. The Asst Clk, is directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting.

This Meeting unites with the Women's Meeting in the reception of the Memorial in favour of our deceased friend Ruth Buffington, which the assistant Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this Meeting

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate in favour of Silas Platting not being ready at this time are continued & desired to present one to our next Meeting

The committee continued in the 1st Mo last on the subject of Swansey Preparative Meeting, not being ready to report at this time are continued & desired to report to our Meeting in the 4th Mo next

The committee continued in the 11th Month last, [illegible] to settle with our former Treas., not being ready to report at this time are continued & desired to report in the 10th Month next.

At Swansey the 4th Month Meeting of Friends being in Fall River 5th Day 25th 1846 accounts being present from Fall River Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Stephen Chace & Isaac Fish who are present the accounts from Swansey Preparative Meeting is not present from the insubordinate State of said Meeting

One of the representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting, reported that they all attended

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of the Four hundred dollar subscription, not being ready to report at this time are continued & desired to report in the 7th Month next

The committee continued at our last Meeting for the purpose of fixing & repairing our Meeting Room as accepted by this Meeting not being ready to report at this time, are continued & desired to report to our next Meeting. The same committee are instructed to repair the fence &c. & report to our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting to call on Friends to subscribe towards the repairs of fixing

our Meeting Room &c, not being ready to report, are continued & desired to report to our next Meeting

The committee appointed for that purpose presented a certificate in favour of Silas P Collins, directed to Providence Monthly Meeting, which being satisfactory, is accepted & the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting & Wm H Wood is named to have the care of forwarding the same, after due record is made thereof.

The following information was presented by the Overseers against Nathan B Earle, viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Fall River

Dear Friends

Nathan B Earle has so far disregarded the good order of our Society, as to keep company, and proceed in Marriage with one not a Member, & has for sometime entirely neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings.

Palmer Chace
Fall River 5 Mo 19th 1846 Wm H Wood } Overseers

Which is accepted & Nathan Buffington & Benjamin Slade are appointed to labour with him on said account, and report to our next Meeting

Whereas a certificate from Nantucket Monthly Meeting, dated 6 Mo 27/46. in favour of John E Gifford was presented to this Meeting 11th Mo 25th 1846. and was directed to be returned to said Meeting, (in consequence of his having joined the Methodist Society) which not being done, it is now concluded to receive said certificate, this Meeting being satisfied of his departure. Whereupon Israel Buffington & Isaac Tisdale are appointed to labour with him on said account and report to our next Meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6th mo 29th 1846 accounts being presented from Fall River Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Oliver Chace, Wm Wood & Isaac Buffinton who are all present, the accounts from Swansey Preparative Meeting is not presented from the unsubordinate state of that Meeting

The following complaint against Wm A Anthony was presented to Swansey Mo Meeting to be held at Fall River 6th mo 29th 1846.

Dear Friends

William A. Anthony has deviated from our known Discipline by connecting himself in Marriage with one not a member of our Society and has for sometime neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings

Palmer Chace
Wm Wood } Overseers

was presented at this time & accepted, whereupon we appoint Stephen Chace & Amos G. Wilbur to visit him on these accounts & report the state of his mind at our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of ~~the~~ fitting up our Meeting Room repairing Fence &c. presented the following report viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your committee appointed to fit up & repair our present Meeting Room, Fence &c, about the House, report. That the expense of doing said repairs amount to One hundred & one dollars & 65 cts besides the Painting, which was paid by individuals, all of which is submitted to the Meeting

Amos G Wilbur
Isaac Buffinton
Oliver Chace

Fall River 6/mo 29th 1846

which is accepted & our Treasurer is requested to pay said Committee the Amount therein reported.

The committee continued at our last Meeting for the purpose of raising funds for the repairs of our Meeting Room &c, not having accomplished the same are continued to that service & desired to report to our next Meeting.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to visit Nathan B Earle presented the following report viz. To Swansey Monthly Meeting

The committee in case of Nathan B Earle, report, that we have had an opportunity with him, & do not find him in a state of mind to make Friends satisfaction, & we do not think further labour will be useful in the case, all of which we submit to the Meeting

Nathan Buffington.
Fall River 6th Mo 29. 1846 Brayton Slade.

which being satisfactory to the Meeting is accepted, and on due consideration of the subject it is concluded to deny him his right of Membership in our religious Society, during the unity of our Monthly Meeting herein, & Jirah Buffington is requested to inform him of the doings of this Meeting.

The Overseers presented the following complaint against Richard Mitchell viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting to be held at Fall River 6 Mo 29th 1846.

Dear Friends

Richard Mitchell has departed from our Discipline by wholly neglecting the attendance of our religious Meetings and attends Meeting where there is an hireling Ministry for which offence he has been laboured with, which has not made its desired effect

Robert Chace
Wm Wood } Overseers

which is accepted & Nathan Buffington & Stephen Chace are appointed to labour with him on that account & report to our next Meeting

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to labour with John E Gifford not being ready to report are continued to the same service & desired to report to our next Meeting

At Swansey 4th Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 7th Mo 27th 1846. accounts being presented from Fall River preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Nathan Buffington & Palmer Chace who are all present the account from Swansey Preparative Meeting is not presented, from the insubordination of the Meeting

The Queries have been read at this time & the first, second & tenth succeeded by answers from our Preparative Meeting which are forward to our next Quarterly Meeting by Thos Wilbur, Israel Buffington, Philip Tripp, Palmer Chace, and Luther Lincoln whom we appoint our representatives

The committee in the case of Wm A. Anthony not being ready to report, are therefore continued in that service & desired to report at our next Meeting.

The committee continued at our last Meeting for raising funds for defraying the expenses of fitting up our Meeting room & not having accomplished the same are therefore continued to that service & desired to report at our next Meeting.

The committe appointed at our last Meeting to visit Richard Mitchell, inform that they are not ready to report, and are therefore continued and desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued in the case of John E Gifford are again continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued in the 4th mo last on the subject of Swansey Preparative Meeting not being ready to report, are continued to the same service & desired to report in the 10th Month next or sooner if they are ready.

The committee continued in the 5th Mo last on the subject of raising Four hundred dollars not being ready to report, are continued to that service & desired to report at our next Meeting

The Overseers presented the following complaint against Edward Anthony viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting now sitting

Dear friends

Edward Anthony hath so far disregarded the good order of Society as to keep company and proceed in Marriage with one not a member

Palmer Chace
Fall River 7 mo 27. 1846 Wm (Wood) } Overseers

which is accepted and Philip Tripp & Isaac Tiske are appointed to visit him on their account & report to our next Meeting.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 8 mo 31. 1846. accounts being present from Fall River Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are William (Wood) & Isaac Tiske who are present

The accounts from Swansey Preparative Meeting is not present, from the insubordination of said Meeting

It now being one year since the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed, it is concluded to appoint Palmer Chace, Wm Slade & Isaac Buffington to confer with some suitable persons to serve this Meeting in that capacity & report to our next Meeting.

One of the Representatives appointed to attend our said Q. Meeting informed that they all attended except one.

The committee in the case of Wm A Anthony not being ready to report, are again continued to that service & desired to report to our next Meeting.

The committee continued at our last Meeting for raising funds for defraying the expenses of fitting up our Meeting Room &c not being ready to report, are again continued & desired to report to our next Meeting.

The committee continued at our last Meeting to visit Richard Mitchell made the following report, viz. To Dartmouth Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends

We your committee in case of Richard Mitchell report, that we have had an opportunity with him, & find him not in a state of mind to make friends satisfaction, all of which we submit to the Meeting

Fall River 8th mo 31. 1849

Anthony Buffington
Stephen Chace

which being satisfactory to the Meeting is accepted and on due consideration of the subject, it is concluded to deny him his right of membership in our religious Society, having the unity of the Women Meeting herein, & Lucy Fisher is requested to inform him the doings of this Meeting & report to this Meeting.

The committee continued at our last Meeting in the case of John & Gifford not being ready to report, are again continued & desired to report at our next Meeting.

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of the Four hundred dollars subscription, not being ready to report at this time are therefore continued & desired to report at our next Meeting.

Lydia Buffinton informed this Meeting that she had informed Nathan B Earle of his disownment.

The committee in the case of Ed. Anthony not being ready to report, are continued & desired to report to our next Meeting.

The time for which the Overseers of this Meeting were appointed, having expired it is concluded to reappoint those of last year viz: Wm Slade, Wm H Wood, Miller Chace, Palmer Chace, Seneca Lincoln, & Philip Tripp, for the term of one year, or until others are appointed in their places, having the unity of the Women's Meeting herein

At a Quarterly Monthly meeting of Friends held in Fall River 9th mo 28th 1846. The accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting being perused, the representatives therein named are Philip Tripp, Stephen Chace & Nathan Buffinton, who are present, no accounts being perused from Swansey Preparative Meeting from its insubordination

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to produce the names of suitable persons to serve this Meeting in the capacity of Clerks, have at this time, proposed the reappointment of Thomas Wilbur for Clerk and Wm H Wood for assistant Clerk, which being united with by the Meeting, they are appointed for those services for one year or until others are appointed in their places

The committee appointed to visit Wm Anthony not being ready to report are continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of raising 400 dollars, are again continued & desired to report at our next Meeting.

The committee in the case of John E Gifford presented the following report viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your committee, in the case of John E Gifford report, that we have had an opportunity with him.

He seemed to be fully sensible that he had deparated from the Principles & Discipline of our religious Society; yet was satisfied with his course as he felt it to be his duty.

It is our judgment that further labour with him will be unnecessary, which we submit to the Meeting.

Isaac Tiske

Fall River 9th Mo 28th 1846 Israel Buffinton

This is accepted, and after due deliberation it is concluded to deny him his right of Membership in our religious Society, having the unity of the Women Friends & Israel Buffinton is requested to inform him of the doings of this Meeting.

The committee continued ad over last Meeting for the raising of funds to defray the expense of fitting up our Meeting Room &c. report that they have accomplished the duties assigned them, which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

The committee in the case of Edward Anthony presented the following report viz:—

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your committee in the case of Edward Anthony report, that we have had an interview with him, he received us in a friendly Manner & after explaining to him the object of our visit, he replied that he had nothing to say to it, that friends could do as they pleased with him.

We think further labour will be useless, which we submit to the Meeting Philip Tripp

Fall River 9th Mo. 28th 1846 Isaac Tiske

which is accepted and after due deliberation thereon it is concluded to deny him his right in our religious society, having the unity of the Women herein. Isaac Pike is requested to inform him thereof.

The committee appointed 11th Mo 1844 to pay some attention to the subject of Swansey Preparative Meeting, have at this time presented the following report

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

A part of the committee appointed sometime since, to give some attention to Swansey Preparative Meeting, report that we have attended that Meeting and endeavoured to enquire into the cause of their being neglected in declining to send accounts & Representatives to Swansey Monthly Meeting, and extended such advice as appeared best, but we may inform Friends that no satisfaction was obtained, nor a disposition manifested to comply with the advice given, which we submit to the Meeting

On behalf of the committee, Paxson Chase

Fall River 9th Mo 28th 1846 Mary Buffington

Which is accepted, and the subject is still continued under the care of the same committee, who are desired also to take into consideration the subject of the propriety of continuing the Meetings for Worship, both at Swansey and Freetown & report thereon when ready.

Rec'd at this time an extract from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, wherein we receive much pertinent advice & counsel, which is satisfactory to us, as also a conclusion of the said Yearly Meeting to alter that portion of our Discipline requiring that a Public Meeting shall be held on the west side of our Yearly Meeting in Portsmouth, Rhode Island which is also acceptable to this Meeting & that Wilbur is

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appointed to see that the necessary care is taken as to the alteration in the Discipline

Rec'd at this time an extract from the Minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting requesting us to forward to their Treasr such sum as we in freedom felt like paying towards defraying the current expenses of the Yearly & Quarterly Meeting which is accepted & this Meeting concludes to pay the sum of Sixty dollars for that purpose & our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay that sum to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting

Falls River Preparative Meeting in their account informs that Stephen Hurd is desirous of becoming a Member of our religious Society whereupon we appoint Isaac Fisk & Palmer Chace to take the subject into consideration, & visit him on said account, & report the state of his mind to our next Meeting

This Meeting concludes to re-appoint Edward Buffinton as recorder of removal certificates & Isaac Buffinton as recorder of Marriage certificates for the term of One Year or until others are appointed in their places

Amos C Wilbur & Wm F Wood are appointed to settle the Treas account, report the State thereof to our next Meeting, & also nominate the name of a person to serve this Meeting as Treasurer for the coming Year

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10th Mo 26th 1846 answering being present from Fall River Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Palmer Chace Amos C. Wilbur & Nathan Buffinton who are present except one. The answers from Swansey Preparative Meeting not being presented from the insubordination of said Meeting

We have at this time the company of our esteemed friend Thos B Gould with a certificate from R.I. Mo Meeting, expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them, his company and service have been acceptable to us, & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

The Queries have been read at this time & the 1st 2d & 10th succeeded by answers from Fall River Preparative Meeting, which we forward to the approaching Quarterly Meeting as being descriptive of our present state, by Bruce Buffinton, Stephen Chace, Philip Tripp & Palmer Chace, whom we appoint our representatives

The committee in the case of Wm. A. Anthony not being ready to report, are continued to that service and desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of the Foren Mission not being ready to make a full report are continued to that service & desired to report in the 12th Month next.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to visit Stephen Hart on his application for Membership with us, report as follows viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

We your committee in the case of Stephen Harts request, report that we have attended to our appointment & visited him on that account & we believe him sincere in the course he has taken and we think well of receiving him into Membership with us, all of which we submit to the Meeting.

Signed Pulmen Chase

Fall River 10/mo 24th 1846 & Isaac Lisk

Which being satisfactory to the Meeting is accepted & after due consideration & having the unity of the Women herein, it is now concluded to admit him as a Member of our Religious Society & provided Dartmouth Mo. Meeting by whom the individual was formerly disowned have no objection to such a course the Clerk is directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this Minute for its approbation

The committee appointed to settle the Treasurers a/c & present the following report.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held 26th of 10/mo. 1846

The undersigned committee appointed for that purpose, report, that we have examined the Treasurers a/c & find in his hands a balance of one hundred & 83/100 dollars.

The outstanding debts of the Meeting amount probably to more than the balance on hand.

We propose / William Slade for Treasurer which we submit to the Meeting

Amos C. Wilbur
Wm. H. Wood

Fall River 10th Mo 20th 1846

Which is accepted & Wm. Slade is appointed Treasurer for this Meeting, for the ensuing year or until another is appointed in his place.

Our Treasurer informs by receipt that he had paid to this Quarterly Meeting Treasurer the sum so ordered at our last Meeting

The time for which our School committee were appointed having expired it is concluded to reappoint Palmer Chase, Amos C. Wilbur. Philip Tripp, & Seneca Lincoln for that service for the term of one year or until others are appointed in their Stead

Isaac Fiske informed this Meeting that he had informed Richard Mitchell, & Edward Anthony, each of their disownment.

This Meeting appoints Palmer Chase, Isaac Coffin & Oliver Chase to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of our next Quarterly Meeting & report the expense thereof to our next Meeting

2d Mo Swansey. Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11 Mo 30. 1846 the accommodating set from Fall River Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Isaac Fiske Palmer Chase & Philip Tripp who are all present

The account from Swansey Preparative Meeting is again missing from the insubordinate State of said Meeting.

Received at this time an extract from the minutes of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting by which it appears that they have no objection to the reception of Stephen

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Hart as a Member by us, and he is there-
-fore admitted a Member of this Monthly Meeting

The committee in the case of Wm. H.
Anthony not being ready to report, are con-
-tinued, to that Service & desired to report in
the first Month next

Rec'd at this time a removal certificate
from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in favour
of Charles H. Hussey which is accepted and
ordered to be recorded

The representatives to the last Quarterly
Meeting inform that they all attended.

The Committee appointed to provide for
the accommodation of the last Q. Meeting report
the expense thereof to be two dollars & fifteen cents
which is satisfactory to this Meeting & our Treasr
is desired to pay said bill & to call on the Quarterly
Meeting Treasurer for that amount.

Received at this time the following complaint
against Robinson Buffington viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends to be
held at Fall River

Dear Friends

Robinson Buffington
has so far departed from our Christian principles
and the good order of our Society as to assist in
setting up a separate Meeting out of the order
of Society and has for some time wholly
neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings
in which Stances he has been laboured with by us

Palmer Chace
Wm. Wood

Fall River 11/Mo 30. 1846

Which is accepted & Dinah C. Wilbur & Nathan
Buffington are appointed to labour with him

Given

on those accounts and report the state of his Mind to our next Meeting

The Overseers presented the following complaint against Earle Chace viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Fall River

Dear Friends

Earle Chace has so far departed from our christian principles and the good order of our Society as to assist in setting up a separate Meeting and of the order of discipline and has for sometime neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings for which departure he has been labored with by us, which has not had the desired effect.

Palmerthan Overseers

Falls River 11/Mo 30. 1846 Ordered which is accepted & Philip Tripp Willey Chace & Thos Wilbur are appointed to labour with him on said account & report to our next Meeting

Rec'd at this time from the Overseers the following complaint against Obadiah Chace viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Fall River

Dear Friends

Obadiah Chace has so far departed from our christian principles and the good order of our Society as to lay violent hands on a friend in a Meeting for Worship and assisted others to thrust him out of the house & has in sometime wholly neglected the attendance of religious Meetings with us for which departure he has been labored with by us to no effect.

Fall River 11 Mo 30. 1846 Wm Wood } Overseers —
which is accepted and Isaac Buffinton & Isaac
Fisher are appointed to labour with him on those
accounts & report the state of his mind to our next Meeting

Isaac Buffinton reports that he has informed
John E. Gifford of his disownment by this Meeting

The committee continued in the fifth Mo
last with a view of effecting a settlement with
Abner Slade our former Trust[ee] are again continued
for that service & desired to report in the
sixth Month next

The time for which the Overseers of the
Poor was appointed having expired it is concluded
to appoint Nathan Buffinton Isaac Fisher
Isaac Buffinton Philip Tripp & Luther Lincoln to
this service for the ensuing year or until
others are appointed in their stead

At a Quarterly Monthly Meeting of Friends
held in Fall River 12th Mo 28th 1846 The
accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting
being presented there as Representatives are Charles H
Hussey Isaac Buffinton & Wm Wood who are all
present The accounts from Swansey Preparative
Meeting not being presented from the insufficient
state of said Meeting

The committee appointed at our last
Meeting to visit Robinson Buffinton on the complaints
against him, presented the following report viz

To Swansey Mo Meeting

Dear Friends

We your committee in the case of
Robinson Buffinton Report that we have had an
opportunity with him on account of the complaints
made against him, and of his having a long discussion

in order for restoration were not able to convince him of his outgoings & it is our Judgement that further labour will not be of any use, all of which we submit to the Meeting

Nathan Buffington
Fall River 12 Mo 28. 1846 Amos C Wilbur

Which is accepted and after duly considering the subject it is the Judgement of this Meeting that he be disowned herefrom, and having the unity of the Women herein he is accordingly disowned & Philip Phipps is requested to inform him of the doings of this Meeting

The committee appointed to visit Each Chace are not ready to report, they are therefore continued to that Service & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued in the 10th Month last on the subject of the Fourteen hundred dollars subscription, not being ready to report are again continued to that Service, & desired to report at our next Meeting

It is concluded to reappoint Moses Buffington as recorder of Births & Deaths for the term of One year or until another is appointed in his stead.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 1st Mo 25th 1847 The accounts from Falls River Preparative Meeting being present it appears that Wm Wood, Stephen Chace & Stephen Hart are named as their representatives who are all present

The accounts from Swansey Preparative Meeting not being present from the insubordination of said Meeting

The Queries have been read & answered by answers from Fall River Preparation Meeting to the first second & tenth, which we think are descriptive of our Society, state and which the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting together with a copy of this Minute to Isaac Fisk Stephen Chace, Israel Buffington & Palmer Chace whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee continued at our last Meeting to visit Earle Chace not being ready to report are again continued to that service & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting to visit Obediah Chace not being ready to report are continued to that service & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting on the subject of the Four hundred dollar subscription presented a receipt from our Treasurer showing that their service are accomplished & that said sum has been paid to said Treasurer

The committee continued in the eleventh Month to visit on Wm S Anthony not being ready to report are again continued to that service & desired to report in the 4th mo next

Received from our Overseers the following complaint against Wm Chace viz

To Swansey Monthly Meeting now sitting

Dear Friends

William Chace has departed from our Christian principles & the good order of Society by assisting in setting up a separate Meeting out of the order of Society and has for sometime neglected to attend our religious Meetings for which departures he has been labored with by us

Fall River 12mo 25th 1847. Palmer Chace } Overseers
Wm Wood }

which is accepted & Stephen Chace & Nathan Buffington are appointed to labour with him on those accounts & report to our next Meeting.

Also did at this time a complaint against Samuel Gifford as follows —

"In Consequence of a Meeting to be held at Fall River
Dear Friends

Samuel Gifford has departed from our Christian principles & the good order of society by assisting in setting up a separate Meeting out of the order of Society and has for sometime wholly neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings for which departure he has been labored with by us

Palmer Chace
Fall River 1st mo 25th 1847 Wm Wood } Committee

which is accepted & Israel Buffington — Charles H Hussey are appointed to labour with him on those accounts & report to our next Meetings.

Philip Tripp informs that he notified Robinson Buffington of his disownment by this Meeting

"The committee appointed by this Meeting in the first Month 1845 to act in conjunction with the Overseers in endeavoring to restore to friends of this Monthly Meeting the use of their Meeting House, not having as yet accomplished that object are desirous of having the assistance of a few other friends, whereupon we appoint Thos Wilbur & Nathan Buffington as additional Members of that committee, who are desired to render such assistance as they are able to in accomplishing the object of their appointment, & the committee are desired in conjunction with the Overseers to pay such attention to the obtaining of other real Estates than those above named, as may secure them to the use & benefit of this Mo. Meeting

1847 Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held
in Fall River 2d Mo. 22d 1847 The accounts being
present from Fall River Preparative Meeting
their representatives are Miller Chace, Isaac Fisher,
& Stephen Chace who are all present,
The accounts from Swansey Preparative Meeting
being again absent from the insubordination of that
Meeting

One of the representatives appointed to attend
the last Quarterly Meeting informed that they all
attended but one

The committee appointed to labour with Earle
Chace presented the following report viz

To Swansey Mo. Meeting

We of your Committee appointed to visit Earle
Chace have attended to that service, and do not find
in him any disposition to make Friends satisfaction
all of which we submit to the Meeting

Miller Chace
2d Mo. 22. 1847 Thomas Wilbur

which is accepted and on deliberating thereon it is
concluded to disown him his right of Membership in
our society having the unity of the Women herein
& Miller Chace is requested to inform him of the
doings of this Meeting

The committee continued at our last Meeting
to visit Obadiah Chace not being ready to report
are again continued & desired to report to our next
Meeting

The committee appointed to labour with
Wm Chace not being ready to report, are continued
to that service & desired to report to our next Meeting

The committee appointed to labour with Daniel Gifford
presented the following report viz

To Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends. We the committee appointed to visit

Samuel Gifford have had an opportunity with him, & he Justifies himself in the course he has taken, & does not appear to be in a state of mind to make Friendly satisfaction; further labour we think will be unavailing, which we submit to the Meeting

Daniel Buffington
Charles H. Hussey

Face River 2/mo 21. 1847

Which is accepted by this Meeting, & on due deliberation it is concluded to disown him, him our religious Society, having the unity of the Women herein & Stephen Chase is requested to inform him of the doings of this Meeting

The Overseers informs that Anthony Chase 2d. has proceeded in Marriage with one not in Membership with us, whereupon we appoint Thos Wilbur & Oliver Chase to labour with him in that account & report to our next Meeting.

The Overseers presents the following complaint against Joseph Estes viz

To Swansey the Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

We inform that Joseph Estes has departed from our Christian principles and Discipline by uniting himself with others in setting up and sustaining a separate Meeting; and thereby Identifying himself with those who give encouragement to the spreading of unsound doctrines, & countenance to the author of them, He appears, also, to have accepted the principles of Physical force towards others, which has been exemplified by placing himself as a guard to our Meeting House door to prevent Friends from entering their usual place of Meeting; & has for some time past entirely neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings. For which departures he has been visited by us, with desires that he might be reclaimed, but

without any apparent, salutary effect upon his mind. Which we submit to the Meeting.

Fall River 2 Mo 22d 1847 — Palmer Chace, Wm Wood } Overseers

which is accepted & Abner G Wilbur & Miller Chace are appointed to labour with him on these accounts in order for his restoration & report to our next Meeting.

The Overseers presented the following complaint against Mark Anthony viz:

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We informe that Mark Anthony has departed from our Christian principle & discipline by uniting with others in seceeding from Friends & setting up & sustaining a separate Meeting contrary to the good order of society. He appears also to have adopted the principle of physical force towards others, for the purpose of carrying his measures into effect, as is exemplified by his laying hands on a Friend & assisting forcibly to take him from a Meeting for publick worship. And by the course he has taken has identified himself with those who have endeavoured to introduce unsound doctrines into our society; he has also for some time past entirely neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings. For which departures he has been visited by us, desiring that we might convince him of his misgivings, but without producing sensible effect upon his mind.

Fall River 2 Mo 22d 1847 — Palmer Chace, Wm Wood } Overseers

which is accepted. & Israel Buffington and Wm. F. Wood are appointed to visit him on these accounts & endeavour to labour for his restoration and report to our next Meeting.

1st Privacy. No Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 3d Mo. 29th 1847 by the account presented from Fall River Preparative Meeting it appears that Charles H. Hussey, Miller Chace & Nathan Buffington are representatives therefrom who are all present. The account from Swansey is again missing for the unsubordinate State of said Meeting

The committee appointed to labour with Wm. Chace presented the following report viz:

To Swansey No. Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We your committee to treat with Wm. Chace on account the complaint against, report, that we have attended to that service and after much labour to reclaim & convince him of his departure, we can only say that it did not have the desired effect we think that further labour will not be useful in the case, all of which we submit to the Meeting

Nathan Buffington

Fall River 3 Mo 29. 1847 Stephen Chace

which is accepted & after due deliberation it is concluded to deny him his right in our religious society, having the unity of the women friends & Wm. Wood is appointed to inform him of the doings of this Meeting.

The committee appointed to labour with Joseph Estes presented the following report viz:

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We your committee to visit Joseph Estes on account of the complaint brought against him, have attended to our appointment & had an interview with him on the subject, wherein he endeavoured to justify himself in the course & measures with which he is charged, and does not appear to be disposed to make Friends satisfaction, which we submit to the Meeting

Miller Chace
Fall River 3 Mo 29 th 1847 Amos & Wilbur

which being satisfactory to the Meeting is accepted and he is, after due deliberation, dismissed his right of membership in our religious Society & having the unity of the Women herein & Miller Chace is appointed to inform him thereof.

The committee appointed to labour with Mark Anthony presented the following report

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

We your committee to visit Mark Anthony, have had an opportunity with him he justifys himself in the course he has taken & does not appear in a suitable state of mind to make Friends satisfaction, all of which we submit to the Meeting

Israel Buffington
Fall River 3 Mo 27 th 1847. Wm F Wood

which being satisfactory to this Meeting is accepted and upon due consideration it is concluded to deny him a right of membership in our religious Society having the unity of the Women herein & Moses Buffington is named to inform him thereof

The committee appointed to visit Anthony Chase 2d on account of Marriage not being ready to Report are continued to that service & desired to report at our next Meeting.

Stephen Chase & Miller Chase informed this Meeting that they had informed Samuel Gifford & Earle Chase, each of their disownment by friends.

The committee continued at our last Meeting to labour with Obadiah Chase are still unprepared to report, they are therefore continued & desired to report at our next Meeting.

The annual Rent for the North part of this Lot on which stands our house for Meetings having fallen due in the 12 Mo last, & Israel Buffinton having renewed the Insurance on the House for the current year at an expense of $6.75 the Rent being Twenty four dollars, our Treasurer is directed to pay Thirty dollars & seventy five cents as the amount thereof to the Proprietors of said Lot & to be then rent therefor.

It is concluded to raise the sum of Four hundred dollars to supply our Treasurer Isaac Sisson & Wm. F. Wood are appointed to call on Friends for subscription to that amount.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4th Mo 26th 1847 the answers being prepared from Fall River Preparative Meeting their representatives are Wm Wood & Nathan Buffinton & Stephen Hunt who are all present, the answers from Swansey still again absent from the insubordinate state of said Meeting.

The Queries have been read at this time and answered by answers from our preparative Meeting which we believe represent our present State, which our Clerk is directed to forward to our next Q. Meeting, together with a copy of this Minute by Nathan Buffinton Thos. Wilbur Philip Phillips & Israel Buffinton whom we appoint our representatives

The committee continued in the case of Anthony Chace & not being ready to report) are continued to that service & desired to report to our next Meeting

The committee appointed to labour with Obidiah Chace are again continued & desired to report to our next Meeting

Stillman Chace, Wm Wood & Moses Buffington reported that they had informed the persons each of their appointments by this Meeting whose cases they were desired to give notice

The committee appointed sometime since to visit Wm A Anthony presented the following report

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held in Fall River 4 mo 26th 1847.

We the committee to visit Wm A Anthony report that we have had several opportunities with him and find although he appears favourably towards Friends, yet attends the Meetings of other denominations & is willing Friends should make a minute against him, which we submit to the Meeting

Amos C Wilbur
Stephen Chace

which is accepted, and after due deliberation it is concluded to deny him his right of Membership among us leaving the unity of the women herein & Wm F Wood is appointed to inform him of the doings of this Meeting

Our Overseers presented the following complaint against Job Chace viz.

To Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We inform that Job Chace has departed from our Christian principles by uniting himself with others in setting up & sustaining a separate Meeting & thereby identifying himself with those who give (up)

encouragement to the spreading of unsound doctrines, & has for sometime past entirely neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings, for which departures he has been visited by us, which has not had its desired effect,

Palmer Chace
Fall River 4 Mo 17th 1847. Wm Wood } Overseers
which is accepted & Isaac Fisher, Philip Tripp & Charles H Hussey are appointed to labour with him on those accounts & report to our next Meeting

Our Overseers presented the following complaint against Ellis Gifford viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

We inform that Ellis Gifford has departed from our Christian principles and Discipline by uniting himself with others in setting up & sustaining a separate Meeting and thereby Identifying himself with those who give encouragement to the spreading of unsound doctrines & has for sometime past entirely neglected the attendance of our religious Meeting for which departures he has been visited by us which has not had the desired effect,

Palmer Chace
Fall River 4 Mo 17th 1847. Wm Wood } Overseers.
which is accepted & Nathan Buffington & Amos C Wilbur are appointed to labour with him on those accounts & report to our next Meeting

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 5th Mo 31st D. 1847. The accounts from Fall River Preparative Mtg being present their representatives are Palmer Chace, Brayton Slade & Philip Tripp, who are all present, The acc from Swansey P. Mtg is again absent from the unsettled state of that Meeting

The committee continued in the case of Anthony Chace having paid some attention to the subject, but not being ready to make a report are therefore continued to that service and desired to report at our next Meeting

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended

The committee continued at our last Meeting to visit Obediah Chase are again continued desired to report in the 7th Month next.

The committee appointed to labour with Job Chace presented the following report viz:

To Sowansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We your committee in the case of Job Chace, have attended to our appointment and made him a visit for the purpose of endeavouring to convince him of his departure by aiding & abetting in setting up & sustaining a Meeting out of the order of Society, & contrary to Discipline

He fully justified himself in his course and denied our right to treat with him on that account

It is therefore our opinion that further labour with him will be useless all of which we submit to the Meeting - Signed.

Isaac Tiske

Charles H Hussey

Philip Wilbur

Fall River 5 Mo 21. 1847

Which is accepted, and after due consideration it is concluded to deny him his right in religious Society, leaving the unity of the women therein & Stephen Chace is appointed to inform him thereof.

The committee appointed to labour with Ellis Gifford not being ready to report are continued to this service, and desired to report at our next Meeting

Wm F Wood informed this Meeting that he had informed Wm A Anthony of his disownment by this Meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 Mo 28th 1847. Friends being present from Fall River Preparative Meeting their representatives are Stephen Chace Amos C Wilbur & Nathan Buffington, who are all present Swansey Preparative Meeting is again delinquent in consequence of its insubordination

The committee continued at our last Meeting in the case of Anthony Chace 2d being still unprepared to report are therefore continued and desired to report in the 8th Mo next.

The committee continued in the case of Ellis Gifford presented the following report viz. To Swansey Month Meeting to be held this day

Dear Friends

Agreeable to our appointment in the case of Ellis Gifford, we have had an opportunity with him & found him in an uncomfortable unsettled state of mind, and manifested no disposition to give Friends satisfaction notwithstanding he was labourd with in the ability that was afforded, and we may further say that he very ardently endeavoured to sustain Joseph John Gurney & his published Doctrines.

It does not appear to this committee that further labour will be availing which we submit to the Meeting

Nathan Buffington

Fall River 6 Mo 28th 1847. Amos C Wilbur

which is accepted & after a due degree of deliberation, it is the judgement of this Meeting that he be disowned from our society until he returns and makes Friendly satisfaction, having the unity of the Women herein & Israel Buffington is appointed to inform him of the doings of this Meeting

Stephen Chace informed this Meeting that he had given Job Chace the information of his disownment by Friends.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 7th mo 26th, 1847. The ancond being present from Fall River Preparative Meeting there representatives are Oliver Chace Isaac Fiske & Charles H Hussey who are all present.

The ancond from Swansey P. Meeting is again missing from the insubordinate state of ~~that~~ Meet

The Queries have been read at this time & the First, Second & Tenth, answered by answers from one of our preparative Meetings which be very nearly descriptive of our present state, the Clerk is directed to forward to our approaching Quarterly Meeting, together with a copy of this Minute by our Friends Israel Buffington, Palmer Chace, Isaac Fiske, & Wm Woods whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee continued in the 5th Month in the case of Obadiah Chace, not being now ready to report are again continued to service & desired to report to our next Meeting.

Israel Buffington informed this Meeting that he had given Ellis Gifford the information of his disownment by this Meeting.

The committee continued in the 11th Month last year on the subject of effecting a settlement with our former Treasurer (Abner Neale) not being ready to report are continued to that service and desired to report in the 6th Mo next or sooner if ready.

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 8th Mo 30th 1847 The accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting being present the representatives therein named are Miller Chace Wm Wood & Charles H Hussey who are all present, The accounts from Swansey Preparative Meeting being again absent from the insubordinate state of that Meeting

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended

The committee continued in the 5th Mo in the case of Anthony Chace not being ready to report are again continued to that service and desired to report in the 10th Mo next

The committee continued at our last Meeting in the case of Obidiah Chace not being ready to report at this time are therefore continued and desired to report in the 10th Month next

It now being one year since the Clerk and assistant to this Meeting were appointed it is concluded to reappoint Thos Wilbur to the service of Clerk and Wm S Wood to that of assisting Clerk to this Meeting for the term of one year or until others are appointed in their places

The time for which the Overseers of this Meeting were appointed having expired it is concluded to reappoint those of last year viz Wm Slade Wm Wood Miller Chace Palmer Chace, Philip Tripp & Seneca Lincoln in that service for the term of one year or until others are appointed in their stead, having the unity of the Womens Meeting herein

At Swansey Monthly of Friends held in Fall River 9 Mo 27th 1847 account being present from Fall River preparative Meeting the representatives are Robert Chace Isaac Fisk & Thos Wilbur, who are all present The account from Swansey P. Meeting is again absent from the insubordinate state there of

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10 Mo 25th 1847 the account from Fall River P. Meeting being present their representatives are Wm Wood Stephen Chace & Oliver Chace who are all present The account from Swansey being again absent from the same cause as formerly stated

The Queries have been read at this time & the 1st 2d & 10th succeeded by answers from the P. Meeting which we think descriptive of our present state which the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Q. Meeting with a copy of this Minute by our friends Seth Snowden Isaac Buffington Isaac Fisk & Oliver Chace whom we appoint our representatives

Rec'd at this time an extract from the Minutes of our Quarterly Meeting accompanied by several extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, and also accompanied by a copy of a communication rec'd by said Yearly Meeting from an Individual not in attendance at that time, all of which has been read and are very acceptable to us & the Clerk is directed to record such parts thereof as becomes necessary for the notice of this Meeting

An extract from the Minutes of our last yearly Meeting as follows

It is the conclusion of this Meeting that for the present when cases occur of proposals for Marriage by persons residing without the limits of this Yearly Meeting or in Monthly Meetings within the Yearly Meeting where there has been no separation, that a satisfactory certificate from sound Friends who may

reside within the limits of such Monthly Meeting or the vicinity thereof, be received in the same manner, & for the same purpose as Certificates have heretofore been received from Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed sometime since in the case of Anthony Chace presented the following report

"To Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We your committee appointed sometime since to visit Anthony Chace, report, that we have had several opportunities with him, that he appears conscious of having transgressed the good order of our Society, and that he is desirous of being again restored to the unity of his Friends, - all of which we submit to the Meeting

Oliver Chace
Thomas Wilbur

Fall River 10th Mo 25th 47

as also a paper of acknowledgement from him, wherein he expresses a desire to be retained a Member of our Society, both of which are accepted, and after due consideration it is the judgment of this Meeting that he be restored to Society, having the unity of the Women Friends

The committee continued in the case of Obediah Chace presented the following report, viz

"To Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We your committee in the case of Obediah Chace have attended to our appointment and made him a visit. We had a free and full opportunity with him and although he did not justify his violent conduct at our Monthly Meeting in the 9th Mo 1845. Yet he would not condemn it to us and was firm in his determination to attend the Meeting of the Separatists, it is therefore our judgment that further labour with him will be unavailing,

all of which are submitted to the Meeting

Isaac Fisher
Fall River 10. Mo. 25. 1847 Israel Buffington
which is accepted and after duly considering the subject
it is concluded to deny him his rights of Membership
in our Society having the unity of the Women herein

The time for which the School committee were appointed having expired it is concluded to appoint Nathan Buffington, Amos & Wilbur & Stephen Hunt to serve the Meeting in that capacity for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places

Rec at this time the following complaint against Cromwell Chace viz

To Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends to be held at Fall River 10 Mo 25. 1847

Dear Friends

This may inform that Cromwell Chace a Member of our religious Society has departed from the good order established among us, by keeping company and proceeding in Marriage with one not a Member

Palmer Chace
Seneca Sisson } Overseers

which is accepted & Nathan Buffington & Isaac Fisher are appointed to visit him on that account & report to our next Meeting.

Israel Buffington & Stephen Chace are appointed to provide for the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting and report the expense thereof to our next Mo Meeting

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 11 Mo 29th 1847. The account from Fall River Separate Meeting being present the representatives are Charles H Hussey, Lemuel Wilbur & Stephen Hart) who are all present, no account being present from Swansey P. Meeting save a continuation of the same cause as heretofore assigned

We have at this time the company of our esteemed friends Nathan Page with a Minute of approval from Salem Mo. Meeting of 10th Mo last, expressive of his being a Minister in unity with them his company and services have been truly acceptable to us & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended

The committee appointed to visit Cornwall Chace not being ready to make a full report are therefore continued to that service & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee appointed to provide for the accommodation of our last Quarterly Meeting Reports the expense to be seven & 12/100 dollars, which is accepted, and our Treasurer is directed to pay said Sum & to call on the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer for the same

Stephen Chace is requested to inform Obadiah Chace of his discernment by this Meeting in the 10th Month last

The time for which the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed having expired it is concluded to appoint Thos C Wilbur & Isaac Tisdale to settle the Treasurers account and report the state thereof and also propose the name of a suitable person as Treasurer to our next Meeting

The time for which the Overseers of the Poor were appointed having expired it is concluded to reappoint to that service Nathan Buffinton Lemuel Fiske Israel Buffinton Philip Tripp & Luther Lincoln for the approaching year or until others are appointed in their places

We have at this time the very acceptable company of our friend Prince Gardner of Dartmouth his services have also been truly acceptable to us.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 12th Mo 27th 1847 The accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting being presented their representatives are Amos C Wilbur, Nathan Buffinton & Palmer Chace who are present) The account from Swansey P. Meeting being again absent from causes as heretofore assigned

The committee continued at our last Meeting in the case of Cromwell Chace not being ready to make a report are continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

Stephen Chace informs this Meeting that he has given Obadiah Chace the information as directed at our last Meeting

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to settle the Treasurers & propose a Treasurer inform that they are not ready to report they are therefore continued to that service and desired to report at our next Meeting

It is concluded to reappoint Moses B Buffinton Recorder of Births & Deaths for the term of one year or until another is appointed in his place

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall
Fall River 1 Mo 31. 1848 The account from Fall River
Preparative Meeting being present their representatives
are Willm Chace Brayton Slade & Thos Wilbur who
are all present. The account from Swansey
Preparative Meeting is again absent from causes as hertofore
assigned

The Queries have been read & the first second &
tenth succinctly by answers, which we think are
descriptive of our present State, and which together with
a copy of this Minute the Clerk is directed to forward
to our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Palmer
Chace. Isaac Fiske. Oliver Chace & Nathan Buffington
whom we appoint our representatives

The committee continued at our last Meeting
in the case of Gamaliel Chace, presented a report
at this time, the consideration of which is referred
to the 4 th Month next & the said committee
are desired to have the care of said case

The committee continued at our last Meeting
on the subject of Measures presented the following
report viz)

To Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends to be held 1 Mo 31. 1848
Dear Friends

The undersigned committee appointed
for the purpose, Report that we have examined
& settled the Treasurers accounts & find that there is due
him Eighty three & 2/100 Dollars. We propose Wm
Slade as Treasurer for the ensuing year, which
we submit to the Meeting

Amos C Wilbur
Isaac Fiske

Fall River 1 Mo 31. 1848
which is accepted & Wm Slade is accordingly
appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year or until
another is appointed in his stead

At Swansey 4th Mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 2d Mo 28. 1848. The account being presented from Fall River Preparative Meeting their representatives are Edward Buffington, James C Wilbur & Nathan Buffington who are all present the account from Swansey Preparative Meeting being again absent from causes as heretofore assigned

One of the representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting, informs that they all attended but One

It is concluded by this Meeting to appoint Bradford Buffington, Nathan Buffington Milton Shaw, Philip Tripp, & Wm F Wood) a committee to have the care of Friends coming among Friends or settling under their care, for the term of one year, & until others are appointed in their stead

At Swansey 5th Mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 3d Mo 27th 1848. The account from Fall River Preparative Meeting being presented their representatives are Wm Wood. Milton Shaw & Bradford Buffington who are all present. The account from Swansey Preparative Meeting is again absent from a continuation of the same causes.

Minuted at this time, a Minute from our Quarterly Meeting of 11th Mo last wherein we are requested to forward to the Treas of that Meeting such a sum as we may deem expedient as our proportion of $125 the sum concluded upon to be raised by that Meeting, whereupon our Treas is directed to pay to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer the sum of fifty dollars as our proportion of said stock

At Swansey 2mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4th mo 24th 1848. The accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting being present their representatives are Stephen Chace Palmer Chace & Amos C Wilbur who are all present the ac from Swansey P. Meeting being again absent from causes as heretofore assigned

The Queries have been read at this time and answered by answers from one of our preparative Meetings, which we think descriptive of our present State, which we forward together with a copy of this Minute to our next Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Nathan Buffington Thos Slade Phil. Ships & Oliver Chace whom we appoint our representatives

The consideration of the report of the committee in the case of Grenville Chace as presented in the first (& last) coming before the Meeting at this time, it is concluded to deny him his right of Membership among Friends having the unity of the Women Friends & Thos Wilbur is requested to inform him thereof.

At Swansey 2mo Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 5th mo 29th 1848. The accounts from Fall River P. Meeting being present the representatives therein named are Amos C Wilbur Barnabas and Wm Wood who are all present the ac from Swansey P. Meeting being again absent from causes as heretofore mentioned

One of the representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting informs that they all attended to this appointment

Thos Wilbur informs this Meeting, that Grenville Chace had been duly notified of his disownment by Friends

At Swansey 9mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 Mo 26th 1848. The accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting being present, their Representatives are Philip Tripp Stephen Chace & Isaac Buffington who are all present except one for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned. The accounts from Swansey preparative Meeting being again absent for causes as heretofore assigned

The committee continued in the 7th mo last viz Miller Chace & Wm T Wood to effect a settlement with our former Treasurer Abiah Slade not being ready to report at this time, are continued to that service and desired to report in the 6th Month next or sooner if ready.

This Meeting concludes to raise the sum of Four hundred dollars to supply its Treasury & Wm Wood, Amos C Miller & Wm T Wood are appointed to call on Friends to subscribe in this freedom towards the aforesaid sum & report to this Meeting when accomplished.

At Swansey 9mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 7th Mo 31. 1848. The accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting being present the representatives therein named are Nathan Buffington Stephen Hunt & Isaac Sisk who are all present

The accounts from Swansey Preparative Meeting being again absent from causes heretofore assigned.

The Queries have been read at this time answered by answers from Fall River Preparative Meeting, which we think descriptive of the present state of this Meeting to which together with a copy of this Minute the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting by Isaac Buffington, Wm Slade, Amos C Miller & Miller Chace whom we appoint our representatives

At a Quarterly Mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 4th Mo 24th 1845. The accounts from Fall River preparative Meeting being present their representatives are Thos Wilbur Philip Tripp & Nathan Buffington who are all present. Quarterly Preparative Meeting accounts being again missing from the insubordinate state of said Meeting.

One of the Representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting informed they all attended Fall River Preparative Meeting in their account informs that Wm Wood is proposed publishing his intentions of Marriage with Ruth Chace at this time & they appeared in this Meeting & declared their intentions of taking each other in Marriage, which this Meeting Notices request them to wait until our next Meeting for its approbation & Wm Wade Wilbur Chace are appointed to enquire into his clearness in order to procede thereupon & report to our next Meeting.

Charles H Hussey having removed to reside within the limits of our Bridport Mo Meeting has requested a removal certificate uniting him therein & essay of one being presented is approved by this Meeting and our Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf & forward as directed

The committee appointed for that purpose inform by receipt that they had paid to our Treasurer Four hundred dollars as sum added last year.

Fall River Preparative also informs that Robert T Davis, proposeth publishing his intentions of Marriage with Sarah G Wilbur at this time & they appeared & declared their intentions of taking each other in Marriage which this Meeting notices, and request them to wait until our Next Meeting for its approbation.

Our Esteemed Friend Amos Wilbur a Member of this Mo Meeting being about to visit Ohio on business

and thinking probable that he may attend some of the sittings of their Yearly Meeting now about to transpire, request a few lines setting forth his membership among Friends Whereupon the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute & sign the same on our account

At Swanzey Mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 9th Mo 25th 1848. the account being presented from Fall River Preparative Meeting their representatives are Millen Chace, Enoch Buffington & Olive Chace who are all present. The account from Swanzey P. Meeting is again absent from the same causes as hereto for assigned.

The time for which the Clerk & Assistant Clerk were appointed to serve this Meeting having expired it is concluded to reappoint Thos Wilbur for Clerk & Wm T Wood for Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year or until another is appointed in their place

Thos Wilbur informs that he has forwarded Charles H Hussey's certificate as directed

The committee appointed to enquire into Wm Woods clearness of Marriage engagement, report, that nothing appears in the way of his proceeding as proposed at our last Meeting, he is therefore left at liberty to proceed in Marriage with Ruth Chace by keeping to good order according to Discipline & Olive Chace & Prudence Fiske are appointed to have the care of said Marriage having their certificate to the records & report to our next Meeting how the same has conducted

We at this time an extract from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, embracing much pertinent counsel & advice which has been read to our edification & satisfaction Also rec'd an extract from the Minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting requesting us to pay to their Treas our quota of 125 dollars

which this Meeting has concluded to raise for its use whereupon our Treasurer is directed to pay the 2. Meeting Treasurer Fifty dollars as our proportion of the aforesaid sum.

Robert T. Davis having produced to this Meeting, Necessary certificates of his right of Membership in this Society, as also of his clearness of Marriage engagements, consent of Parents &c. Whereupon he the said Robert T Davis is left at liberty to proceede in Marriage with Sarah A Wilbur, by keeping to good order according to our Discipline & Wm Slade & Lewis Buffington are appointed to have the care of this Marriage hand their certificate to the recorder & report to our next Meeting how the same was conducted.

The time for which the Overseers were appointed having expired it is concluded by this Meeting to reappoint Wm Slade, Wm Wood, Millen Chase, Palmer Chase, Philip Tripp & Seneca Lincoln to that service for the ensuing Year or until others are appointed in their places, having the unity of the Womens Meeting herein.

At Swansey 8th Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10th Month 30th 1848 The accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting being presented the Representatives are Edward Buffington A. C. Wilbur & Nathan Buffington who are all present. the accounts from Swansey preparative Meeting is again absent from causes as hitherto assigned. The Queries have been read at this time & the 1. 2 & 10th answered by answers from our preparative Meeting, which we think are descriptive of the present state of this Meeting, which we forward together with a copy of this Minute to our next Quarterly Meeting by our Friends. Thos Wilbur, Millen Chase, Philip Tripp & Stephen Hull whom we appoint as representatives

The committee appointed to have the care of the Marriage of Wm Wood & Ruth Chase report that said Marriage was consummated in an orderly Manner & that their Certificate is lodged for record.

The committee appointed to have the care of the Marriage of Robert T. Davis & Sarah C. Willcox report that said Marriage was consummated in an orderly Manner and that their Certificate is in the hands of the Recorder

Our friend A. C. Willcox returned us this time the Copy of a Minute granted him in the 4th Month last

The Overseers presented the following complaint against Bayliss Chace viz.

To Swansey Mo Meeting to be held at Fall River 10 Mo 30. 1848

Dear Friends

Bayliss Chace has departed from our Christian principles & the good order of Society by identifying himself with those that have set up a separate Meeting out of the Order of Society & has for sometime neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings for which departure he has been labored with by us

Palmer Chace
& Wm. Wood } Overseers

which is accepted, & Nathan Buffington Stephen Chace & Isaac Fisk are appointed to labor with him on those accounts & report to our next Meeting

The Overseers presented the following complaint against Asa Sherman Jr. viz

To Swansey Mo Meeting to be held at Fall River 10 Mo. 30. 1848

Dear Friends

Asa Sherman Jr. has departed from our Christian principles and the good order of the Society by identifying himself with those that have set up a separate Meeting out of the order of Society & has for sometime neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings for which departure he has been labored with by us.

Palmer Chace
& Wm. Wood } Overseers

which is accepted & Isaac Buffington & Thos. Willcox are appointed to labor with on those accounts & report to our next Meeting

Isaac Buffington & Palmer Chace are appointed to provide for the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting & report the expense thereof at our next Meeting

At Swansey the Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 11 mo 27. 1848. The accounts from Fall River preparative Meeting being present the representatives therein named are Palmer Chace, Isaac Buffington & Eunice Hicks who being called are all present. The account from Swansey being again absent as heretofore.

Miller Chace one of the Representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting informs that they all attended to that appointment.

The Committee appointed to visit Bury[illegible] Chace inform that they are not ready to report they are therefore continued to that service & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee appointed to labour with Asa Sherman Jr are not ready to report at this time therefore they are continued to that service & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee appointed to provide for the accommodation of our last Quarterly Meeting report the expense thereof to be Six dollars which is accepted & our Treasurer is directed to pay that sum & the committee is to call on the Quarterly Meeting Treas. for the same.

The Overseers presented the following complaint against Isaac R Buffington viz.

To Swansey Mo Meeting now sitting.

Dear Friends

Isaac R Buffington has departed from our christian principles & the good order of the Society by joining himself with those that have set up a separate Meeting out of the order of Society & has for sometime wholly neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings for which he has been labored with by us

Fall River 11 Mo 27. 1848

Palmer Chace & Wm Wood } Overseers

Which is accepted & Thos Wilbur & Jane Fish are appointed to labor with him on those accounts respectd to our next Meeting.

At Swansey 8mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 12. Mo 25. 1848. The accounts being presented from Fall River preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Miller Shove & Nathan Buffington & Oliver Shove who are all present. The accounts from Swansey is again absent from causes as heretofore rendered

The committee continued at our last Meeting in the case of Bayliss Shove not being ready to report are again continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee continued in the case of Isa Sherman & not being ready to report are again continued to that service & desired to report to our next Meeting

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to labor with Samuel R Buffington inform that they are not ready to report, they are therefore continued to that service & desired to report at our next Meeting

The Overseers presented the following complaint against Benja S Shove viz

At Swansey 8mo Meeting now sitting

Dear friends

Benja S Shove son of Abraham Shove has departed from our Christian principles and the good order of Society by Identifying himself with those that have set up a separate Meeting out of the order of Society and has for sometime wholly neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings for which deportment he has been visited by us—

Palmer Shove

Fall River 12. Mo 25. 1848 } Wm. Wood } Overseers

Which is accepted, Philip Sisson & Amos C Wilbur are appointed to labor with him on those accounts & report to our next Meeting.

The Overseers presented the following complaint against Stephen Shove viz.

To Swansey, the Meeting held at Fall River

Dear Friends

Stephen Shove has departed from our Christian principles & the good order of Society by recently being concerned in setting up a Lottery & he has also identified himself with those that have set up a separate Meeting out of the order of Society and has in some time wholly neglected the attendance of our Meetings for Discipline and Mostly those for religious Worship, for which deportment he has been visited by us

Fall River 12 Mo 25. 1848

Palmer Chace
Wm Wood } Overseers

Which is accepted & Israel Buffington & Stephen Chace are appointed to labor with him on those accounts and report the state of his mind at our next Meeting.

At Swansey 2 Mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 1 Mo 29. 1849 the account from Fall River preparative Meeting being presented the representatives therein named are Philip Tripp, Palmer Chace & Israel Buffington who are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read at this time & the 1. 2 & 10 succeeded by answers from Fall River P. Meeting which we think descriptive of our present state to which together with a copy of this Minute we forward to our next Quarterly Meeting by Palmer Chace Israel Buffington, Elisha Chace & S. C. Wilbur Whom we appoint our representatives

The committee continued in the case of Asa Shearman Jr. not being ready to report are continued & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee in the case of Israel R Buffington presented the following report viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

The your committee in the case of Samuel R Bissinton report, That in conversing with him, he said could not & would not recognise us as friends of Swansey Mo Meeting Therefore he had nothing more to say to us upon the subject. Hence our opinion is that further labor will be useless.

All of which we submit to the Meeting, and are your friends

Isaac Fiske
Thomas Wilbur

Fall River 1 Mo 27. 1849

which is accepted and he is disowned from our religious society, having the concurrence of the Women. J. Miller Chase is appointed to inform him thereof

The committee appointed to labor with Bayliss Chase, presented the following report viz

To Swansey Mo Meeting

Dear Friends

We your committee, in the case of Bayliss Chase, report, That we have attended from appointment. He treated us respectfully & said he thought it would be best for the Meeting to Make a Minute of disownment against him, he even desired it. Our judgement is that further labor with him will not avail any thing. We therefore submit it to the Meeting

Isaac Fiske
Nathan Bissinton

Fall River 1 Mo 28. 1849

which is accepted and after deliberating thereon it is concluded to disown him from our religious society, having the unity of the Women herein, Wm S Hoxie is appointed to inform him of the doings of this Meeting

The committee in the case of Bayliss Chase not being able to report at this time are continued and desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to labour with Stephen Shove, presented the following report viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

We the committee appointed to labour with Stephen Shove, report that having had an opportunity with him, that he did not appear to us to be in a suitable State of Mind to make Friendly satisfaction, which we submit to the Meeting

Stephen Chace
Israel Buffington

Fall River 1 mo 25. 1849

Which is accepted, and he is deserved a right of membership in our religious Society, having the unity of the Women herein, & Nathan Buffington is named to inform him thereof

This Meeting being informed that our Meeting House in Taunton is in a decaying condition, and going to waste, therefore it is concluded to appoint Israel Buffington Simeon Lincoln, Isaac C Wilbur & Palmer Chace a committee to investigate the subject, & if in their Judgement it is best to dispose of said House & remove it from the Lot they are authorised to do so, & make such repairs about the yard in the form of Fence &c as the committee deem most expedient, and report to this Meeting when the business is accomplished

At Swansey 9th Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2d Mo 26th 1849. The accounts being present from Fall River Preparative Meeting their representatives are Isaac Fisher, Wm Howell & Daniel Buffington who are all present. No accounts being present from Swansey for reasons as heretofore rendered

One of the Representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting, informs that they all attended.

The committee continued in the case of Benja S. Shove made the following report, viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends next to be held on the 26th of 2d Mo 1849.

Dear Friends

We your Committee appointed to visit Benj S Shove (Son of Abraham) on account of the complaint brought against him. Report that we have had an interview with him on the subject & there does not appear to be any prospect of his making Friends Satisfaction, he expresses himself fully satisfied with the course he is pursuing. Which we submit to the Meeting

Philip Tripp
Fall River 2d Mo 24th 1849 Amos C Wilbur } Com.

which is accepted, and he is denied his right in our religious Society, having the unity of the Monthly Meeting and Daniel B Buffington is appointed to inform him thereof

The committee continued in the case of Asa Sherman Jr, presented the following report viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends

We your committee appointed to visit Asa Sherman Jr, report that we have attended to our appointment & have had an interview with him, and that he appears to have no disposition to-

to the friends satisfaction, and even expresses a desire that Friends had better deny him from our Society all of which we submit to the Meeting

Jna Wilbur
Bruel Buffington

Fall River 2d Mo 26th 1849

Which is accepted, and after due deliberation it was concluded to deny him his right in our religious Society, having the unity of Women Friends (Wm & Wood.) is requested to inform him thereof.

Allen Howe informs that he have given Samuel R Buffington information of his disownment by this Meeting

Arthur Buffington informs that he have given Stephen Howe information of his disownment by Friends, (Wm & Wood) reports that he have given similar information to Boyles Howe.

It now being one year since the Treasurer of this Meeting was appointed it is concluded to appoint) Edmund Buffington & Bruce Fiske a committee to settle the Treasurers account and report the same, & propose a suitable Friend for Treasurer to our next Meeting

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 3d Mo 26th 1849. The account for Fall River Preparative Meeting, being present the representatives therein named viz Stephen Howe Edmund Buffington & Thos C. Wilbur, who are all present). The account from Swansey P Meeting being again absent for causes as heretofore assigned

The committee appointed 6th Mo last year inform by receipt that their services for the collection of four hundred dollars at that time ordered by this Meeting have been accomplished and that sum paid to our Treasurer.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to settle the Treasurers a/c. & propose a friend for Treasurer reports, that they find $ 158.00/100 dollars due the Treasurer, and they also propose Wm Slade for Treasurer, for the ensuing year, which being satisfactory to friends, he is appointed to that service for the ensuing year, or until another appointment

Received at this time a removal certificate in favour of Leonard Underwood and his minor daughter Elizabeth M. from Middleton Pro. Meeting in Columbiana County Ohio, which being considered of, is accepted and ordered to be recorded.

This Meeting concludes to raise Four Hundred dollars to supply its Treasury & Publick Stock (Wm H Wood) & Edmund Buffington, are appointed to call on friends for their respective proportions of said sum, and pay the same to our Treasurer report to this Meeting when accomplished

At Swansey Pro Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 11 Mo 30. 1849. The ab from Fall River Preparative Meeting being present the representatives thereof named are Miller Shaw, (Stephen Shaw & Wm H Wood) none on all present.

The account from Swansey P. Meeting being absent from causes as heretofore mentioned.

The Epistles have been read at this time and succeeded by answers from our Preparative Meetings which we think descriptive of our present State and which together with a copy of this Minute the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting by Robinson Shaw, Thos Wilbur, Philip Tripp & Stephen Hart) none of the appointed on presenting

The following information relating to Asa Buffington was received at this time viz.

To Swansey Mo Meeting to be held in Fall River. 4 Mo 30th 1849.

Dear Friends

Asa Buffington has departed from our Christian principles & the good order of Society by uniting himself with the Baptist Society and has for sometime wholey neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings, for which deparitures he has been laboured with. Nathan Wm Wood } Overseers which is accepted & Isaac Fiske & Miller Chace, are appointed to labour with him on those accounts and report to our next Meeting.

The Overseers produced the following information pertaining to Henry C. Buffington viz

To Swansey Mo Meeting to be held in Fall River 4th Month 30th 1849.

Dear friends

Henry C. Buffington has departed from our Christian principles and the good order of Society by having a seat & attending Meetings where there is a hireling Minister, & has in some time almost wholey neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings, for which deparitures he has been laboured with.

Nathan Chace
Wm Wood } Overseers

which is accepted & Stephen Chace & Alfred C Wilbur are appointed to labour with him on those accounts and report thereon to our next Meeting.

The Overseers also presented the following complaint against Charles C Shove viz.

To Swansey Mo Meeting held at Fall River 4 Mo 30th 1849.

Dear Friends. Charles C Shove has departed from our

Christian principles & the good order of Society by Identifying himself with those that have set up a Separate Meeting, out of the order of Society, and has for sometime wholey neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings for which deparsures he has been laboured with by us.

Robert Shaw
Wm Howe } Overseers

Which is accepted & Israel Buffington & Samuel Lincoln, are appointed to labour with him on those accounts & report to our next Meeting.

Moses B Buffington report, that he has given Benja S Shove information of his disownment & Wm S Howe) that he have also given Asa Shearman & Brindley information in this case.

At Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 5 Mo 28. th 1849. The accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting, being present the representatives therein named are Robert Shaw & Nathan Buffington & Israel Buffington, who are all present. The account from Swansey P. Meeting is again absent for a continuation of former cause.

One of the representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting, informs that they all attended but one.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to labour with Asa Buffington, not being ready to report are continued & desired to report at our next Meeting.

The committee in the case of Henry S. Buffington presented the following report viz.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

We the committee appointed for the purpose, have had an interview with Henry S.

Burrisson, on the subject Mentioned in the complaint against him, and we may inform that he does not appear to be in a State of Mind to give Friends satisfaction. He expresses gratitude for the care that Friends have taken of him in his Infirmity, but no feels it his right to choose for himself; and feels no hesitation in aiding in the support of a Salaried Ministry. It does not appear to the committee that further labour will effect any results satisfactory to Friends. which we submit to the Meeting

Stephen Shaw
Fall River 5 Mo 28. 1849 Amos C Wilbur } Committee

which is accepted, and after a due degree of deliberation it is the conclusion of this Meeting to disown him as a Member of this Society, leaving the unity of the Women herein & Moses B Burrisson is requested to inform him of the doings of this Meeting in his case.

The committee appointed to labour with Thomas & Shaw presented the following report viz.

To Swansey 2nd Mo Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

We your committee, appointed to labour with Thomas & Shaw, have attended to that appointment. We had an opportunity with him but he did not appear willing to condemn his conduct so as to make Friends satisfaction. We think further labour with him ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ unnecessary. all of which we submit to the Meeting

Thomas Burrisson

Fall River 5th Mo 28th 1849 Soreen Simonton

which is accepted and after deliberating thereon it is concluded to disown him as a member of this Society, leaving the unity of the Women herein & Nathan Burrisson is requested to inform him thereof.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6th Mo 25th 1849. The accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting being present, the representatives thereof named are Wm Slade, Wm Wood & Edward Buffington who are all present. The account from Swansey P. Meeting is still again absent for a continuance of the former causes.

The Committee continued at our last Meeting in the case of Asa Buffington not being ready to report are again continued to that service & desired to report to our next Meeting.

Our Committee continued in the Six Month last to effect a settlement with Wm Slade the former Treasurer of this Meeting, not having accomplished it are again continued and desired to report in the Sixth Month next then or sooner if ready.

Moses B Buffington, informs that he has given to Henry S. Buffington the information as desired at our last Meeting.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 7th Month 30th 1849. The accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting being present, their Representatives are Miller Howe Wm Slade and Nathan Buffington, who are all present. Swansey Preparative Meeting accounts is again absent, from a continuation of the same causes.

The Queries have been read and succinct answers from each of our preparative Meetings which we think as descriptive of our present State, which the Clerk is directed to forward, together with a copy of this Minute to our next Quarterly Meeting by Nathan Howe Oliver Howe, Bruce Fisk & Philip Tripp whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee continued at our last Meeting to visit Asa Buffington, presented the following report viz.

To Swansey Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends.

The Joint Committee in the case of Asa Buffington, report, that we have visited him and had a free conversation relative to the complaint brought against him.

He acknowledges that he has joined himself to another Religious Society, and was satisfied therewith. It is our opinion that further labour will be unavailing, which we submit to the Meeting, and are your friends

Signed Isaac Fiske.
Fall River 7 Mo 24 th 1849. Miller Shove.

Which is accepted, and after a due degree of deliberation it is concluded to deny him his right of membership in this Society, having the unity of the Women herein and Edward Buffinton is requested to inform him thereof.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our esteemed friend Joseph Tribb with a Minute of concurrence from Hester Mo. Meeting (State of New York, expressive of their unity with him as a Minister, as also of his present Religious engagement,) his services have been truly satisfying to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

Sullivan Buffinton reports that he has given notice to Shove the information directed in 5th Mo last.

The Overseers presented the following complaint against Joshua Shove viz.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting to be held in Fall River 7 Mo 30. 1849

Dear Friends

Joshua Shove has departed from our christian principles and the good order of Society

by identifying himself with those that have set up a Separate Meeting, out of the order of Society, and has for sometime wholly neglected the attendance of our Meetings for Discipline, for which departure he has been labored with by us.

Palmer Chace
Philip Tripp } Overseers

which is accepted and Nathan Buffington & Thomas G Wilbur are appointed to labor with him on those accounts, & report to our next Meeting.

The Overseers also presented the following complaint against Asa Chace, viz.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting to be held in Fall River 7th Mo 30th 1849

Dear Friends

Asa Chace has departed from our Christian principles, and the good order of Society by identifying himself with those that have set up a separate Meeting out of the order of Society, and has for sometime wholly neglected the attendance of our Meetings for Discipline, for which departure he has been labored with by us.

Palmer Chace
Philip Tripp. } Overseers.

which is accepted and Buffington & Thos G Wilbur are appointed to labor with him on those accounts & report to the 9th Month's next.)

Our Overseers presented the following complaint against Nathan Chace viz.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting to be held in Fall River 7 Mo 30th 1849

Dear Friends

Nathan Chace has departed from our Christian principles and the good order of Society by identifying himself with those that have set up a separate Meeting, out of the order of Society & has for sometime wholly neglected the attendance of our Meetings for Discipline which departure he has been visited by us

Palmer Chace & Philip Tripp. Overseers

which is accepted, & Isaac Fisher & Stephen Chase are appointed to labor with him on said account and report at our next Meeting.

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 6 mo 27th 1849. The account from N.M. Preparative Meeting being presented the representatives are Nathan Buffington, Wm. Woods & Stephen Hart, who are all present.

The account from Swanzey P. Meeting being again absent from a continuation of the cases heretofore rendered.

One of the Representatives appointed to attend our late Quarterly Meeting informs that they all attended

The committee appointed to visit Joshua Chase, not being ready to report are continued to that service & desired to report at our next Meeting

The Committee in the case of Nathan Chase presented the following report, viz.

To Swanzey Mo. Mety to be held at Fall River 6 mo 27. 1849

Dear Friends

We the Committee in the case of Nathan Chase, one of us have had an opportunity with him and he does not appear in a state of mind to make Friends satisfaction, all of which we submit to the Meeting

Stephen Chase
& Isaac Fisher

which is accepted, and after a due degree of deliberation, it is concluded to deny him his right of membership in this Society.

Edward Buffington reports that he has given Jo Buffington the information as desired at our last Meeting

Thos. Kipp is named to inform Nathan Chase of his disownment by Friends.

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 9th & 11th Mo 1849. The account being present from Fall River Preparative Meeting the Representatives therein named as Stephen Chase Edward Buffinton & Hiller Chase, who being called are all present.

The account from Swansey Preparative Meeting is absent, from a continuation of former cause.

The time for which the Clerk & Assistant Clerk were appointed, having expired it is concluded to reappoint Thos. Hilber for Clerk & Wm. F. Wood for Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Rec'd at this time an extract from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, saying that said Quarterly Meeting, had concluded to raise 125 Dollars to supply the demands in their Treasury & this Meeting concludes to direct our Treasurer to pay to that Meetings Treasurer, the sum of 50 dollars as our proportion of said sum

The Committee appointed to visit Joshua Shove, presented the following report, viz.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

We your Committee appointed to treat with Joshua Shove on account of the complaint presented to the Meeting against him. Report that we have had an opportunity with him on the subject, but did not find him in a state of mind to make Friends satisfaction.

He expressed his satisfaction in the course he had pursued, and also his intention of continuing in the same course.

It does not appear that further labor in his case will be of use, which we submit to the Meeting

Nathan Buffinton
Fall River 2d & 9th Mo 1849. Amos C Wilbur } Com

which is accepted, and after a due degree of deliberation, it is concluded to deny him his right of Membership in our Religious Society, having the Unity of the Women herein.

The Committee appointed to visit Asa Shove presented the following report, viz.

To Sowams Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

We your Committee appointed to visit Asa Shove, report that we have had an interview with him, in which he evinced no disposition to Make Friends satisfaction, but shewed a full determination to pursue the course he is in, all of which we submit to the Meeting.

Hannah Wilbur

Taken given 9th Mo 28th 1849 Isaac Buffington

which is accepted, & after a due degree of deliberation it is concluded to deny him his right of membership in this Society, having the unity of the Women herein.

The time for which the Overseers of this Meeting were appointed having expired it is concluded to appoint Isaac Buffington, Hannah C Wilbur, Stephen Hart & Edwards Buffington, a committee to take the subject under their care, and to report at our next Meeting, a list of such names as may be suitable to serve the Meeting in that capacity.

Philip Tripp informs the Meeting that he has given Nathan Shove the information as directed at our last Meeting, and he is hereby requested to inform Asa Shove, & Joshua Shove that they have severally been disowned by this Meeting.

At Swansey the Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 10th Mo 29th 1849. The accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting being present the representatives therein named are Oliver Chace Philip Tripp & Miller Chace, who are all present —

The account from Swansey Preparative Meeting is again absent — as formerly

The Queries have been read at this time and the 1. 2d & 10th answered by answer from Fall River Preparative Meeting, which we think descriptive of our present State, which together with a copy of this minute, the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting, by Wm. Slade, Pahmer Chace, Philip Tripp & Nathan Brayton, whom we appoint our representatives.

The Friends appointed at our last Meeting for the presentation of names for Overseers, presented the following report viz:

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

The committee for the purpose of proposing Friends suitable for Overseers, have conferred together, and are united in proposing the reappointment of the friends to that station who have stood in that capacity for the past year viz. Wm. Slade, Miller Chace, Pahmer Chace, Wm. Wood, Philip Tripp & Seneca Kinnicutt.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Fall River 10th Mo 29th 1849 — Amos C. Wilbur

which is accepted, and they are hereby reappointed to that service for the coming year & united others are appointed in their stead having the unity of the Women herein.

Isaac Buffington & Wm. T. Woods are appointed to prepare for the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting & report the expense thereof at our next Meeting.

It being sometime since the Overseers of the Poor were appointed it is concluded to appoint Isaac Buffington, Philip Tripp, Joshua Buffington, Wm. Slade, & Amos C. Wilbur, to that service, for the ensuing year, or until others are appointed in their stead.

It is concluded to raise Four hundred dollars to supply our Treasury, & Miller Howe, Wm. T. Woods, & Edward Buffington, are appointed to call on Friends with a view of effecting this object & report to the Meeting when suitable.

At Swansey the Meeting of Friends held in Fall River 11th Mo 26th 1849. The accounts from Fall River Preparative Meeting being present their representatives are Wm. Howe, Benj. Tripp, and Isaac Buffington who are all present.

The ac from Swansey being again absent from a continuation of former cause.

Wm. Slade on behalf of the Representatives reports that they all attended our last Quarterly Meeting.

The committee appointed to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, report the expense thereof to be ten dollars & forty one cents, which is accepted, and our Treasurer is directed to pay said sum, & to call on the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer for that amt.

It appears by a rect this day presented that the sum of four hundred dollars ordered by this Meeting 3d Month last has been paid into our Treasury.

Philip Tripp informs that he had given Asa Shove & Joshua Shove information of their disownment by Friends.

At Swansey 9mo Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 12/mo 31st 1849 The accounts being present from Fall River Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Oliver Chace Amos C Wilbur & Wm. H Wood who being called all present, except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The account from Swansey P. Meeting is again absent from a continuation of the former reasons

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 1/mo 28th 1850. The accts being present from Fall River Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Nathan Buffinton, Wm Wood & Philip Tripp, who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned

The Queries have been read at this time, and answered as prepared by one of our Preparative Meetings, which we think descriptive of our present state which together with a copy of this minute we forward to our next Quarterly Meeting, by our Friends Polson Chace, Lemuel Pabbe Amos C Wilbur & Israel Buffinton whom we appoint our representatives

The Overseers presented the following complaint viz

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends now Sitting

George Buffinton has so far disorganized the good order of Society and has wholly neglected the attendance of our Meetings, and has joined himself to another body of people for which we have visited him to no satisfaction he appears to stand himself stubbornly against us, all of which we submit to the Meeting

Philip Tripp } Overseers
Wm Wood }

1/mo 28th 1850.

which is accepted and Amos C Hilliard & Isaac Fiske are appointed to labor with him for his restoration to unity & report the State of his mind to our next Monthly Meeting

The Overseers also presented the following complaint against Annise A Lincoln viz

To the Monthly Meeting now sitting.

Annise A Lincoln has wholly absented himself from our religious Meetings, and has lent his support to another body of People in which one of the Overseers has labored with him to no satisfaction

Wm Hood.
Philip Tripp } Overseers

1 Mo 28. 1850

Which is accepted and Miller Chase & Stephen Chase are appointed to labor with him on the subject therein contained & report to our next Monthly Meeting.

At Swansey Mo Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2d Mo 26th 1850. The adjournment of our Preparative meeting being present, the representatives therein named are Stephen Hart, Miller Chase & Lemuel Buffington who are all present.

The account from Swansey Preparative Meeting is again absent, from a continuation of the same cause as formerly assigned

One of the representatives appointed to attend our last Monthly Meeting informs that they all attended to that duty

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to labor with Geo Buffington, not being ready to report are continued to that service & desired to report at our next Meeting

The committee appointed to visit Annis A. Lincoln presented the following report, viz.—

To Swansey Mo. Meety of Friends to be held in Fall River 2 Mo 25th 1850.

We the committee appointed in the case of Annis A Lincoln have had an opportunity with him, he does not appear to us in a suitable State of mind to make Friends satisfaction all of which we submit to the Meeting

Miller Shaw
Stephen Shaw } Committee

which is accepted and after a due degree of deliberation it is the conclusion of this Meeting to deny him the privilege of membership in this Society, having the unity of Ponsen herein & Pelham Shaw is requested to inform him of the doings of this Meeting

The committee appointed sometime since to examine & report on the subject of our Meeting House at Taunton, presented the following report.

To Swansey Mo. Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

We the committee appointed to take into consideration what it would be best to do with Friends Meeting House in Taunton, or sale of it, poor and decayed condition, report, that we found the House in a very bare and shattered state, the sash out was entirely off, Glass about the yard, the Glass all broken out except one pane, one of the outside doors was gone, & most of the covering very poor upon the outside so that we did not think it worth repairing, & therefore concluded to sell the same, which we did for the sum of twenty five dollars to Seneca Lincoln she was to put up & repair the fence about the lot, which he has done to our satisfaction

Which report has been received by the committee & accepted for to Seneca Lincoln
Palmer Chace
Fall River 2d Mo 25. 1850. Israel Buffington
& Amos C Wilbur } Committee

Which is accepted, & ordered to be recorded & the Committee discharged from further service & the Money arising from the Sale thereof is to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of this Meeting

At Swansey 3d Mo Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 3d Mo 25th 1850. The account being present from Fall River Preparative Meeting the representatives are Nathan Buffington Wm Wood & Edward Buffington who are all present.

The acct from Swansey Preparative Meeting is again absent from a continuation of former causes.

The Committee continued at our last Meeting to labor with Geo Buffington, presented the following report. viz

To Swansey 3d Mo Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

We the Committee appointed to have with Geo Buffington, report, that we have seen him and informed him that his case was before the Mo Meeting, but he peremptorily refused to have any conference with us on the subject. It does not appear that further effort to treat with him will be of any use which we submit to the Meeting

Amos C Wilbur
Fall River 3d Mo 25. 1850. Lucie Fisher } Committee

Which is accepted, & after a due degree of deliberation it is the conclusion of this Meeting, that he be disowned from membership herewith, having the unity of the Women herein, & Nathan Buffington is requested to inform him of the doings of this Meeting.

The amt for which our Meeting House at Taunton was sold for (viz 2500 dolls) has been put into the hands of our Treasurer as appears by receipt

This Meeting is informed that Wm H. Shearman with his wife and children have removed to reside within the limits of Providence Monthly Meeting and request our certificate to that Meeting, whereupon we appoint, Amos C Wilbur & Israel Buffinton to join with the Women in enquiring into the business & if nothing appears to obstruct to present an essay of a certificate to our next Meeting

At Swansey the Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 4th mo 29th 1850. The amount being present, from Fall River Preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are, Philip Tripp Stephen Chace & Miller Chace, who being called are all present except one

The ac from Swansey Preparative Meeting is again read from a continuation of former cases

The Queries have been read at this time & answered by answers from one of our Preparative Meetings & which we think as descriptive of the present state of this Meeting, & which together with a copy of this minute the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting, by Stephen Hunt, Israel Buffinton, Thomas Wilbur & Nathan Buffinton whom we appoint our representatives

Nathan Buffinton reports that he has given Geo Buffinton information of his disownment

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to unite with the Womens Committee in preparing a removal certificate for Wm. A Sherman & family, produced one at this time which was read and approved of by this Meeting and our Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf and forward to Providence Monthly Meeting after due record is made thereof.

William F. Moore having in his hands Forty five dollars contested on account of the Manor & Lot— This Meeting sees cause to request him to pay that amount to Isaac Lee and take his receipt for the same, on account of Rents— and present the receipt to this Meeting

Israel Brafford Clerk

At Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lost Creek 26th 6th 1863

By the account from our Preparative Meeting it appears that the following persons appointed Representatives to this Meeting were Miller Chew & Isaac Lee this day present

The queries were then read in this Meeting proceeded by sundry testimonies to the truth, which we believe direction of the Elders, and which this Meeting directs to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting with the copy of this epistle by Israel Bradford Miller Chew and Isaac Lee who are appointed Representatives

Received thirty two Dollars & sixty cents from Israel Bradford, for sixty five Dollars on account of Rent for Monthly Manor

Israel Bradford Clerk

At Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lost Creek 23rd of 2 mo 1863

By the account from the Preparative Meeting it appears that Philip Triplett & Israel Bradford were appointed Representatives this Meeting— one of whom is present

This Meeting is informed that two of the Delegations appointed to attend the last Quarterly attended

Two women Friends presented to this Meeting a recommendable certificate in favour of Hannah Chase mother the Comte of Salem Monthly Meeting which is satisfactory to this Meeting — and the Clerk is directed to sign it in our name and the Clerk of this women Meeting — are accepted

Samuel Bassett Clerk

At Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Salem Iowa 30th 1863

By an account from the Preparative Meeting it appears that the following women Friends were appointed to the Meeting viz Sarah Hockett Eliza Hoag are present

The committee appointed to contact Sarah Hoag in the case of this Meeting, Report that they have contacted that account and found the same to be Unfavourable and Truth this meeting therefore

Samuel Bassett Clk